



Community Transmittal

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Dear Lompoc Community,

LUSD in the News

<https://keyt.com/news/money-and-business/2021/11/30/lompoc-job-fair-attracts-steady-stream-of-jobseekers/>

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LUSD Vaccine Clinics

LUSD has been hosting vaccine clinics with Santa Barbara County Public Health at various sites throughout the District since the beginning of November. These clinics serve students ages five and up, parents, and the community at large. Santa Barbara County Public Health offers first and second dose COVID vaccines as well as boosters. In addition, they have been offering flu shots. The next clinics are December 8 at La Cañada Elementary School, December 10 at Clarence Ruth Elementary School, and December 17 at La Honda Elementary School. Times for these clinics are 2:30-5:50 p.m. No appointment is necessary.

To date: 246 vaccinations have been given at these clinics.

Superintendents Meeting

At this week's meeting we discussed COVID rates and the new masking rules.

CSBA

This week LUSD presented at the California School Boards Association highlighting the work we have done with ABM on facility upgrades without using general funds. I was accompanied by Bree and Doug as well as Pooya Ejtemaei from ABM. It was a great opportunity to share with attendees all the work we have done to improve our facilities in the absence of a general obligation bond. We had great feedback from many other districts.

Letters of Support

At the request of Allan Hancock College's Rising Scholars program, we provided letters of support from LUSD. Their program serves currently and formerly incarcerated individuals with transitioning into post-secondary education and offers support to at-risk, system-impacted individuals.

AHC applied for a federal grant from the Department of Education: **Transitioning Gang-Involved Youth to Higher Education**. This grant will help their comprehensive Rising Scholars program, support youth who have had direct and indirect experience with gang affiliation/involvement. It will redirect this population by providing youth with educational

opportunities through AHC College Now! and programs offered within their Career Center, such as the Career Readiness Academy (CRA).

Class Size

Every month we do a class-size report to make sure we are under the state class-size requirements. If we do not meet these requirements we lose funding. Our most recent report has the following class sizes:

TK/K needs to be under 31, we are at 18.35. First through third grade needs to be under 30, we are at 21.17. Fourth through sixth grade needs to be under 29.9, we are at 27.74.

Interviews

We held interviews this week for Middle School Counselor, PE and English teachers, and Elementary Deans. We will have the applicants start as soon as replacements are found for their current positions, or August, 2022, whichever comes first. The Dean panel consisted of two teachers, two classified staff, seven elementary principals, a board member, and Deputy Superintendent Bree Valla. All panel members discussed the candidates and then each principal selected their choice for Dean. We will re-post for the remaining two dean positions that need to be filled.

TSP Newsletter

Please see this month's TSP Newsletter: <https://www.smore.com/0t7w5>

Sports For Learning

The Boys and Girls Club ASES Program and Sports For Learning (SFL) have a partnership that supports social emotional learning, builds self-esteem and resiliency while practicing sportsmanship on the field. In addition, Fillmore has incorporated the Sports For Learning Program into its after school program (apart from ASES.) This will be the second year SFL and ASES partner to do what is best for kids on and off the field! This is a great program for us to partner with.

Conflict Solutions Center

On November 29, we attended the Conflict Solutions Center Board meeting. The Center works on Restorative Justice initiatives in Santa Barbara County through the courts and schools. The Center is planning to hold trainings in the coming year on restorative circles and mediation that can be offered to schools to participate. Another great opportunity for our kids.

Lompoc Police Department

We met with Lompoc Police Department Chief Mariani and Captain Martin to discuss future possibilities of an SRO in the District and overall student safety. LPD continues to be committed to placing an SRO at LHS as soon as possible. LPD and LUSD value the role of an SRO to serve as a liaison between the community and the police department, promote campus safety, and further the relationship between the school district and the local PD. LPD and LUSD were able to collaborate on other safety concerns, including talking about recent safety concerns that initiated lockdowns at school sites. LPD has been communicating well with the District about community incidents and making recommendations to schools when a lockdown may be warranted.

LUSD School Social Workers

On November 29, we welcomed two social workers to the Pupil Support Services Department. Both Social Workers have experience in Santa Barbara County in the field of social work and/or community agencies. The social workers are currently working on setting up the processes for supporting families in the District, understanding the school systems, and meeting different key groups that they will collaborate with often. LUSD is excited to add them into our Family Engagement and Support team. We met with them multiple times during their first week to onboard them into the District, provide direction for training, and help to guide the program.

Monthly Nurse Meeting

On December 1, we met with the LUSD Registered Nurses (RNs). The RNs met the school social workers and discussed family supports. Also, the RNs reviewed current staffing and discussed options for ensuring each site has adequate coverage for the health office.

Monthly School Psychologists meeting

On December 2, the LUSD School Psychologists met with Special Education administrators to discuss legal updates, meet the school social workers, and collaborate on defining the role of the school psychologists. Legal updates were discussed about goals in the IEP, discussion of specific curriculum to meet the needs of students, and change of placements. The school psychologists worked in groups to discuss the essential duties of the school psychologist in various areas of their work

Monthly SEL Counselor Meeting

On December 2, we met with the SEL Counselors to discuss current SEL programs at the sites, meet with the school social workers, develop a student survey, discuss potential SEL District-wide themes, and collaborate on other programming. One goal is to develop a student survey to measure the connectedness of students to adults and programs at the school. The survey would be confidential and offered three times each year to measure the progress of the SEL programs at the sites. The other goal is to establish District-wide consistency of SEL activities beyond the SEL curriculum of Second Step at the elementary and middle schools. Themes will help our counselors and schools to collaborate and lessen the workload for all.

Attendance

This week for the first time since the first week of school, our “N” absence code used for anything related to COVID absences was under 2%.

This showed that more students were in class learning and less students were out of class due to quarantining or COVID-related absences.

Week 15				
11/29/2021	11/30/2021	12/1/2021	12/2/2021	12/3/2021
106	129	146	157	149
9150	9150	9150	9155	9155
1.16%	1.41%	1.60%	1.71%	1.63%

Foster Youth/Homeless

All liaisons and outreach consultants were involved in the monthly meeting this week and the agenda included the following:

- Introduced our new LUSD social workers who will be working with our site liaisons to support our students and families
- Liaisons continue to learn words and phrases to assist them in translating and interpreting for IEP meetings, 504 meetings, parent conferences, and translating messages.

Redistricting Partners

On May 11, 2021, the Board passed a motion to have the demographers at Redistricting Partners complete the process of adjusting the lines of our voting districts for the upcoming 2022 Board elections. LUSD has a contract with Redistricting Partners which includes the five-meeting/hearing process, the one used most often by other Districts and public agencies. To meet the April 17 County deadline, meetings/hearings are being held once per month in December, January, and February, and then two during March. The December 13, 2021 meeting/hearing is largely educational for the Board, the District, and the public, and it is structured as a “Redistricting 101” workshop. The next meeting will include more outreach to gain the public’s opinion about how boundaries should be drawn. The third and fourth meetings are primarily dedicated to adjusting boundaries and choosing a final map. Then at the final meeting in March, the Board will be given the opportunity to vote on and approve the newly drawn by-trustee area maps.

Master Plan Update

A comprehensive Facilities Master Plan is an essential element of a district’s planning process which allows the Board and District to think strategically and long term. The process of developing or updating a Master Plan is inclusive and uses a consensus planning approach which provides the District information regarding current and future needs for student housing, the quality of the existing facilities, and facilities renovation and expansion requirements to support our educational and programmatic goals. A Master Plan also assists the District in identifying funding needs for capital improvement and developing financing options.

Kruger Bensen Ziemer (KBZ) Architects’ two principals, Joe Wilcox and Todd Jespersen, have provided LUSD its architectural support, including Facility Master Plans, for many decades. KBZ is pleasant to work with, they do quality work, and their pricing is highly competitive. On December 13, the Board will have the opportunity to consider a \$106K proposal from KBZ which includes, among other things, updating the 2018 Master plan, updating our site plans based on changes and improvements which have been made, and providing a new set of standardized campus maps for the District and sites to use. The proposal also includes a site capacity study, updating enrollment statistics, updating our portable classroom inventory, and updating our state funding eligibilities. Once the Facility Master Plan is finalized, KBZ will present it to the Board for adoption.

Maple High Window Replacement

On December 13, the Board will have the opportunity to consider an architectural design proposal for the window systems at Maple High. These windows are some of the worst in the District, many are not repairable and so are currently covered with wood. The \$62K architectural proposal from KBZ is for plan set design for replacement windows at all of the classrooms (minus portables), office, and Cafeteria. If approved, the District will contract a hazardous material

consultant (Forbes Consultant Group) to perform the hazmat investigation and prepare a project-specific abatement/mitigation plan for the hazardous materials (lead/asbestos) in and around the existing windows. Once the plans are complete, they must be DSA approved before the (estimated \$650K) project is put out for Public Works bidding.

Hapgood Switchgear

As you may remember, in October, the switchgear at Hapgood failed much like the one at LHS did in 2018. This switch is similar in size and make-up to the one at LHS. Working with Smith Electric and the City of Lompoc, we were able to come up with a temporary solution that bypasses the switchgear while the District put together DSA approved architectural and electrical engineering plans for replacing the switchgear. On December 13, the Board will have the opportunity to review a \$39,500 KBZ architectural proposal which also includes electrical engineering fees. If this proposal is approved by the Board, KBZ will develop the plans and process them through DSA. Once DSA has stamped the plans, then we would bid out a Public Works project which we expect will be in the area of \$400K.

CSFA- Manzanita PSMI Grant

As planned, on Monday November 29, Suzanne Nicastro and Doug Sorum presented information to the CSFA Board who subsequently approved Manzanita's Prop51 funding apportionment increase. The new apportionment is now sufficient to cover all of the 20% matching funds on the PSMI project. Although we have one more hurdle (vote) to cross next week at the State Allocations Board, the CSFA resolution was a step in the right direction. After the CSFA meeting, CA State Treasurer Fiona Ma congratulated us for the collaboration between the District and Manzanita, and for wading through a complicated process to provide a significantly improved school facility for VSFB and the Lompoc community. The rest of the board echoed her sentiments.

Payroll Update

This week was the LUSD November payday and we are currently working on our Supplemental Payroll. Additionally, we are preparing for a very small window in which to process our primary December payroll.

- Notice has been sent out to all Admin Assistants that we will need to abide by a December 13 deadline for all time sheet submissions.
- December is also the month for end-of-year tasks, such as W-2 preparation.
- Kerri Faulkner is settling in to her role and assisting staff with insurance and benefit needs. Please feel free to set-up a confidential appointment or reach out by email should you have any questions or concerns to faulkner.kerri@lud.org.

Purchasing Update

On December 13, we will be submitting a proposal recommended for Board approval from Alfano Motorcars - Mercedes-Benz of San Luis Obispo to purchase a new Sprinter (Cargo Van) for the Warehouse to replace the old 1988 Ford Step Van that is unsafe to drive in its condition, its repairs exceed its value and its electrical parts are obsolete.

Mercedes-Benz and Sprinter of San Luis Obispo was the only dealership who responded with a proposal to the RFQ released on October 12 to the following dealerships:

Lompoc Sunset Auto, Santa Maria Dodge, Santa Maria Ford, Santa Barbara Nissan, Jim Vreeland Ford, Crown Dodge Ventura, Rio Vista Chevrolet, Alfano Motorcars - Mercedes-Benz of San Luis Obispo, and Mercedes-Benz of Oxnard a Request for Quote for a new cargo van. We had two dealerships (Lompoc Sunset Auto and Santa Maria Ford) responded that they had no stock currently or in the near future that they could offer a quote for. We now realize that there are supply chain issues within the automotive and related industries and a shortage of available vans and parts to manufacture them.

With Board approval, we can secure a cargo van as soon as possible. Additionally, having a reliable vehicle would have an immediate savings in repair and most importantly, safety would no longer be a concern for our employees. This is a needed purchase to keep operations running smoothly.

Your Partner in Education,

Trevor McDonald
Superintendent of Schools