

September 30, 2020

Re: Shift to Phase 2: Modifications and Next Steps

Good afternoon LTUSD community,

We had excellent public participation and Board discussion at last night's Board of Education meeting in preparation for the shift to Phase 2 of the [Pandemic Educational Plan \(En español\)](#). The District is extremely thankful to the community members and staff members who've expressed their interests and concerns throughout the reopening process. In consideration of the wide variety of opinions as to how, and whether or not, the district should make the shift to Phase 2, and in consideration of the many hours of work and collaboration undertaken by the Reopening Task Force to create the Plan and parameters, the Board reached a general consensus to stay with the Plan as adopted on July 30, with a "Phase into Phase 2" modification. The intent of the modification is to allow for a more focused approach at each school level and to provide more time for the secondary schools to prepare their plan.

The "Phase into Phase 2" modification looks like this:

Elementary Level (TK-5)

1. Anticipated start date is October 12, 2020 as planned.
2. Cohort A will attend Mondays and Tuesdays and Cohort B will attend Thursdays and Fridays.
3. Families will receive their cohort designation and continued communication from their school site principal beginning October 5.
4. All students are expected to wear masks and social distancing will be maintained. If a student does not have a mask, or forgets to wear a mask, one will be provided for them.

Middle School (6-8)

1. Anticipated start date is November 2.
2. Hybrid schedules continue to be developed and adjusted.
3. Principal Simons and staff will present the hybrid schedule at the October 13 Board of Education meeting.

High School (9-12)

1. Anticipated start date for labs and other specialty courses will start on November 2.
2. Anticipated start date for all students is November 30.
3. Hybrid schedules continue to be developed and adjusted.

4. Principal Sinkler and staff will present the plan for lab classes and specialty courses at the October 13 Board of Education meeting.

5. Principal Sinkler and staff will present the hybrid schedule at the November 10 Board of Education meeting.

This new approach to Phase 2 was further discussed and evaluated by the District's administration team today and was embraced as a unified decision and direction for the District - one that is felt to be in the best interests of our students, staff, families, and community as a whole. The County Public Health Department was also advised of the "Phase into Phase 2" plan details and they were very supportive. This process has not been easy but the development of the plan and this shift to Phase 2 is the result of a highly collaborative and inclusive process of which the District is very proud. Families and staff will receive continued communication as additional details are worked out and as well, we will continue to update the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) document. The District appreciates your continued support as we work through this challenging time together.

Sincerely,

Dr. Todd Cutler, Ed.D.
Superintendent