

December 2, 2020

Re: **UPDATE on DURATION of DISTANCE LEARNING**

Dear LTUSD students, families, community,

The district hopes you had a nice Thanksgiving break and quality time with your immediate family. This is to update you on the timeline as it currently stands for remaining in distance learning, and hopefully returning to the hybrid schedule. The health and safety of our staff and students continues to be our highest priority while in-person instruction remains our goal.

As you are aware, COVID-19 cases in our community continue to impact our community and the [case rate for the Lake Tahoe Region](#) is alarmingly high as reported by El Dorado County Public Health. This only reinforces the need to continue in distance learning at this time. However, looking to the future, it is the hope that with the community's vigilance in taking precautions to prevent the spread, our numbers will begin to trend down.

With the winter break only two and a half weeks away, and the unlikelihood of a significant decrease in community spread in this timeframe, the District has decided to remain in distance learning at least through January 8, 2021. In collaboration with EDC Public Health and EDC Office of Education, we will continue to monitor local and county data, and will plan to report to staff and families on or before January 3, 2020 as to next steps. It is the hope that we can return to the hybrid schedule for grades TK-8 on January 11, 2020.

In accordance with California's Blueprint for a Safer Economy, South Tahoe High School will likely not be able to start hybrid until El Dorado County has been in the [Red Tier designation](#) for at least two weeks.

We urge all families to take extra precautions while cases in our community are rising dramatically. This includes wearing a mask, washing hands, maintaining a physical distance of 6ft, and staying home as much as possible. These precautions will prevent the on-going spread, and need for our community members, staff, and students to be isolated or quarantined at home.

Thank you for your continued understanding and support.

Sincerely,

Office of the Superintendent
LTUSD Health Services Department

Good evening LTUSD Team,

Momentarily, you will receive a communication sent to families explaining our decision to remain in distance learning until at least January 8, 2021. I hope this comes as no surprise, and I realize this is highly optimistic. Yet, optimism is what I believe we need right now.

Moving forward small group instruction cohorts, as well as individualized support will continue during distance learning. Staff along with administration will continue to assess the needs of students and identify those that need additional in school supports. All staff members are expected to perform their duties as they did during the first phase of this school year.

If you have any questions or concerns please let me know or contact your supervisor to discuss.