

March 23, 2021

Dear LTUSD Community,

**The District is very excited to announce a shift to Phase 3 effective Monday, March 29, 2021. Phase 3 of the Pandemic Plan impacts grades TK-5 and combines cohorts A and B for a “Modified Traditional” schedule in which all TK-5 students will attend school Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday of each week, on their current bell schedule, and Wednesdays as is, for students requiring additional support.**

With the consistent trend of our area’s positivity and case rates, a shift to Phase 3 is warranted and supported by current local data. Coupled with the District’s diligent mitigation practices and effective safety protocols demonstrated at each of our school sites, the District is confident that a shift to Phase 3 can be accomplished safely and swiftly.

The District would like to acknowledge the exceptional collaboration process in working with its employee groups toward our common goal of getting students back in the classroom. As community spread remains controlled, and as current CDC and CDPH guidelines align and adapt, the District and our labor groups look forward to continuing the work of increasing student contact time for all grades.

The District would also like to thank its local health agency partners, Barton Memorial Hospital, El Dorado County Public Health, and our school nurses, for their professional guidance and immeasurable support throughout the school reopening process.

**Again, all elementary schools students will begin the 4 days per week schedule (M,T,TH,F) beginning Monday, March 29, 2021 on the current daily bell schedule. Students attending on Wednesdays will continue as currently scheduled.**

Sincerely,

Todd Cutler, Ed.D., Superintendent