

August 23, 2021

Re: **School Calendar Changes due to Emergency Weather Conditions**

Dear LTUSD Community,

The health and safety of staff and students is always LTUSD's highest priority. We are closely monitoring the Caldor Fire and air quality, and we thank you for your patience awaiting this communication. The district admin team has spent the morning researching and discussing air safety protocols for this week's activities, the start of the school year, as well as resultant calendar changes. Please make note of the following important calendar changes:

1. August 25th (this Wednesday) was scheduled as a Professional Development work day for teachers. It has been rescheduled to **Friday, November 12, 2021 which will now be a non-school day for students**. Again, students will not have school on Friday, Nov. 12.
2. Subsequently, **the last day of school will now be June 17, 2022**.
3. The first day of school remains Monday, August 30, 2021.

In addition we will implement the following strategies regarding cancelation of school:

1. If outside air quality is between 150 PM2.5 and 300 PM2.5 per [PurpleAir monitors](#) at or near our school sites, all staff and students are to remain indoors.
2. If outside air quality is over 300 (per PurpleAir) and is expected to stay above 300 we will cancel school (like a snow day). This will be determined by looking at the PurpleAir sensors at or near school sites; Levels at one school site alone will not be used to make the final decision. A combination of school sites above 300 will result in cancelation. The decision each day will be made no later than 6:30 am and communicated to staff by 6:45 am. If school is not cancelled and air quality worsens during the day, we will continue to monitor and shorten the school day if necessary.

Please note: The calendar on the website will be updated accordingly and if the Caldor fire worsens or smoke conditions are consistently severe, we may need to make additional adjustments.

Stay safe, stay indoors,

Office of the Superintendent
Shannon Chandler, PIO