

August 26, 2021

## **Re: Schools Closed August 30 - September 3, 2021 due to Evacuation Warning**

Good morning LTUSD Community,

As you may know the Caldor Fire Mandatory Evacuation boundary has moved to Echo Summit and an Evacuation Warning was ordered for the Christmas Valley area of Highway 89 South of the roundabout. With health and safety at the forefront of all decisions, and in support of all families in our community, especially those that live in the current evacuation areas, the District will **postpone the start of the school year until Tuesday, September 7, 2021**. We will continue to closely monitor the fire conditions and re-evaluate school closure as conditions change. Again, **schools will be closed next week August 30 - September 3, 2021**.

As a reminder, the following protocols will be followed:

### **SMOKE / AIR QUALITY**

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.

### **EVACUATION**

Families and staff that are on Warning Evacuation should begin preparations for evacuation. Here is a link to Cal Fire's Pre-Evacuation Steps and Checklists: <https://www.readyforwildfire.org/prepare-for-wildfire/go-evacuation-guide/pre-evacuation-preparation-steps/>

Sign up for **El Dorado County CodeRED emergency notification service** which alerts residents by telephone, cell phone, text message, email, and social media when there is a threat to the health or safety of residents. [Click here to sign up.](#)

El Dorado County Office of Education has a Caldor Fire Resources page with a listing of details and links for Caldor Fire information and resources. This will be kept up to date as new resources are identified: <https://edcoe.org/spotlight/caldor-fire-resources-1629247932>

Stay safe LTUSD,

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Superintendent