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Re: First Day of School Tentatively Scheduled for Thursday, September 16

Good morning LTUSD community,

As you may know, the remaining areas of the LTUSD boundary in South Upper Truckee, North Upper Truckee, and Christmas Valley areas, have now been designated as “Warning” evacuation zones and those residents may begin repopulation. The District is thrilled to receive this news and has been consulting with the Caldor Fire Incident Command professionals to help determine the feasibility of opening schools as soon as possible.

It was determined that school sites both in and out of designated “Warning” areas, are safe to resume occupancy and school operations. With the latest information we have, most likely all school site locations (as opposed to residences) could expect to have all warnings lifted by Monday morning, September 13.

With the many variables that could still affect the decision to lift all warning designations at all school sites by Monday, the District wishes to give families as much notice as possible to prepare for a new school year. It is with deep gratitude for the Caldor Fire firefighters and all collaborating agencies that we notify you that **schools will likely open on Thursday, September 16. This gives families three days to travel, unpack, and prepare** for the start to the school year.

As previously stated, this opening date comes with certain safety assurances and other variables which may affect the opening day, however, we ask that families begin preparations for this first day of school as of now.

Throughout last week, and continuing into next week, the District’s Custodial, Maintenance, Grounds and Transportation staff are working diligently to clean every site and replace HVAC, bus and air purifier filters. ABM Building & Energy Solutions is assisting the District with assessing and cleaning all components of the air filtration systems. In addition, ABM has partnered with NES, Inc., a recognized leader in environmental, health & safety (EH&S) training

and consulting, who will be certifying the indoor air quality and environmental compliance at all school sites.

A [Visit with the Superintendent](#) is scheduled for **September 13, 2021 at 5:30pm and will be conducted virtually**. Dr. Todd Cutler looks forward to answering any questions from families and students and to provide an update on school opening. For participants wishing to ask questions or make comments, this [meeting will be streamed here via Zoom for all participants](#) and for those wishing to observe it will be viewable live **on the [District's YouTube channel "LTUSD Meetings."](#)**

We will of course send another communication as soon as possible as we look forward to getting this year off the ground!

With great anticipation,

Dr. Todd Cutler, Superintendent
Education Services Department