



# Lakeport Elementary School

## Home of the Tigers

July 31, 2020

Dear *Lakeport Elementary School* families:

I hope you and your children have had an enjoyable summer. All of us here at LES have missed our students and families very much. These are challenging times for all of us as a school community/family. I want you to know that we will do everything we can to support our LES Tigers and their families, and together, we will get through these tough times.

As you may already be aware, *Lakeport Unified School District* will be starting this school year in Stage 1 Distance Learning with limited access to campus as outlined by *Lake County Office of Education's* "Return to School Continuum Plan". The health and safety of all our students and staff remains at the forefront of our guiding principles as we navigate through these uncharted territories. Just like you, we too want to return back to normal and have our students 100% back on campus. Until we are able to do so, here are some guidelines, definitions, and facts that I want you to be aware of:

- We are starting this school year, which begins **Wednesday, August 12th**, with Distance Learning; however, the first three-and-a-half week period (August 12-September 1) will feature a schedule that allows small, rotating groups of students to be on campus from 9 to 11:30 am each day to connect with teachers and school staff and to start building new relationships for this academic year. We also need to ensure school-issued materials and technology devices are appropriately assigned, and provide a communal sense of normalcy for students and school personnel who haven't been on campus together since the middle of March.
- **Distance learning** means instruction in which the teacher and student are in different locations. This may include interacting through the use of a computer and communications technology, as well as delivering instruction and check-in time with the teacher. Distance learning may include video or audio instruction in which the primary mode of communication between the student and instructor is online interaction, instructional television, video, telecourses, or other instruction that relies on computer or communications technology. It may also include the use of print materials incorporating assignments that are the subject of written or oral feedback. LUSD will be using Zoom, Google Classroom, and Aeries, and other technologies in our distance learning model.
- Of the state required 180 daily instructional minutes (Grades TK & K), and 230 daily instructional minutes (Grades 1-3), **60%** will be **synchronous** learning, while the remaining **40%** may be **asynchronous**.

- **Synchronous Learning:** learning that occurs concurrently with other students and that happens live or in real time via Zoom or a similar format.
- **Asynchronous Learning:** learning occurs at different times and at a different pace without real-time interaction between student and teacher.
- **Chromebooks:** LUSD will be providing all students the option to check out a chromebook for the 2020-21 distance learning portion of the school year. Your child's teacher will be calling you on Wednesday, August 5th, to introduce her/himself and to inquire about your needs for both a device and internet access. The district is working towards supplying internet hotspots for students without access. Those that are in remote areas or have limited access may park on campus to access the district's wifi. All persons on campus must adhere to the current health and safety guidelines, this may include social distancing and wearing a mask while around others outside of your family. **You will be able to check out a chromebook from the new Learning Resource Center, located on the TMS campus, starting Thursday, August 6th and Friday, August 7th.**
- LES staff will be reviewing healthy hygiene practices with students and practicing social distancing. *The Lake County of Education* has directed all Lake County districts to follow the guidelines of the *California Department of Public Health*.
- School-provided meals will continue to be available to students who are on campus, and students who are not part of the daily on-campus schedule will still be able to obtain grab-and-go breakfasts and lunches from the Clear Lake High School Cafeteria/Main Kitchen.
- To every extent possible, students with exceptional needs shall have the elements of their existing Individualized Education Program met. This could include both in-person and distance learning settings. Student's Case Managers will be required to meet with families to determine which, if any, services need to be adjusted.

I hope you find this information helpful and it addresses some of the questions that you have had as we approach the start of the school year. I also ask for your patience and understanding as we deal with new information on a constant basis.

Lastly, I would like to remind you to visit our new website at [www.lakeport.k12.ca.us/les](http://www.lakeport.k12.ca.us/les) , follow us on Facebook, and set your Aeries notifications to receive emails, texts and phone calls to help ensure you get the most up to date information. If you have any questions or concerns you can call our office at 262-3000 or email me at [ttamzarian@lakeport.k12.ca.us](mailto:ttamzarian@lakeport.k12.ca.us).

Yours Truly,

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