



LIBERTY UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Office of the Superintendent

Eric L. Volta

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Dear LUHSD Community,

It has been some time since my last letter on December 12, 2020 and I would like to give you a brief update in regards to our plans to reopen school. On January 14, 2021 the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) released new school reopening guidelines. The CDPH guidelines changed little in terms of when high school students may return to school. Those guidelines state that grades 7-12 cannot return to face-to-face instruction until we are in the “Red Tier” for 5 consecutive days (<https://covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy>). The new guidelines also required that each school district complete a COVID Safety Plan (CSP) and post it on their district’s websites. Liberty Union’s CSP and Reopening Guide can be found on our home page at: <https://ca01001129.schoolwires.net/> . Because Contra Costa residents continue to do their part to diminish the spread of the virus, our case rates have dropped from 49 to 21 per 100,000 residents in the last 23 days. If this pace continues, we hope to reach the Red Tier by mid-March. I am hesitant to publish a date but I assure you we are committed to reopening as close to the five days into the Red Tier guideline as possible.

Much has been written about barriers to reopening schools recently. I would like to recognize our labor partners for balancing the needs of the employees they represent, and the needs of OUR students and families. They have respectfully and forcibly communicated to us their concerns and we have addressed those concerns for the benefit of all school stakeholders. Understandably, I know some of our employees are a little cautious about returning, which is why all safety guidelines asked of our employees and students will be strictly followed. To also aid the reopening process, we have been told that educator vaccines will begin being rolled out in the coming weeks.

With this, I would also like to ask for your patience. The safety protocols being followed have been prescribed to us by County and State health departments with our community’s safety in mind. If there is a question, the Contra Costa Health Services Department has been very helpful in allowing us to open our activities little by little. I assure you we are not being more, nor less restrictive than the safety protocols call for when it comes to school activities. In working weekly with Contra Costa Health Services, I am reminded that the safety rules are not only to keep individuals safe, but our community at large.

Sincerely,

Eric Volta