## INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

## Los Angeles Unified School District Office of Environmental Health and Safety

TO: Local District Superintendents **DATE:** July 19, 2021

**Local Districts** 

FROM: Carlos A. Torres, Director

Office of Environmental Health and Safety

**SUBJECT:** AIR QUALITY ADVISORY FOR JULY 20, 2021

**HEAT ALERT THROUGH JULY 21, 2021** 

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) forecasts air quality levels on Tuesday, July 20, 2021, to be "unhealthy for sensitive groups" for communities located within the San Gabriel Mountains. Active children and adults, and people with lung disease, such as asthma, should reduce prolonged or heavy exertion outdoors. Refer to the attached map of schools that fall within this designated area.

Please note the Los Angeles County Health Officer's Heat Alert for the West San Fernando Valley issued on July 19, 2021 is still in effect through Wednesday, July 21, 2021. Refer to the attached map of schools that fall within this designated area.

All District personnel must be prudent in modifying activities to avoid heat stress related illness and cognizant of injuries that may result from contact with hot surfaces such as play equipment and outdoor surfaces. Policy Bulletin BUL-963.2 (Guidelines for Preventing Heat Stress) and Policy Bulletin BUL-6862.0 (Guidelines for Preventing Thermal Contact Burns from Play <u>Surfaces</u>) provide guidance for all schools and offices.

For more information related to heat illness prevention, the California Division of Occupational Safety and Health Administration (Cal/OSHA) provides access to additional educational and training resources at http://www.dir.ca.gov/DOSH/HeatIllnessInfo.html.

The Office of Environmental Health and Safety (OEHS) will continue to monitor air quality, weather conditions, and provide updates as necessary. Please share this information as needed. Additional information may be found in each school's Integrated Safe School Plan. Should you have any questions or need assistance, do not hesitate to contact our office at (213) 241-3199.

## Attachments

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