



July 22, 2020

Dear Lynwood Unified Community,

We thank you for your patience as we have all sought clarity on fall plans for the upcoming school year. On Friday, Gov. Gavin Newsom ordered schools in high-risk counties like ours to remain closed for the time being and to continue full-time distance learning to work toward slowing the spread of COVID-19. Lynwood Unified will follow the guidance of the state and prioritize the safety of our children by extending the closures of campuses and offering online instruction when classes begin on Aug. 19.

As you know, L.A. County has experienced an increase in confirmed COVID-19 cases and it is critical that each of us takes preventative measures to safeguard our community. We know that distance learning places an additional burden on households, but this is a temporary step we must take to preserve the health of children.

In the meantime, we will continue to plan for eventual in-person instruction by preparing safety measures that will allow us to transition back to our school sites. Our schools will share their reopening plans the first week of August. Gov. Newsom has outlined a plan for reopening that will require L.A. County to progress beyond the state's COVID watch list and show positive trends for 14 consecutive days. We have shown that we can thrive despite these challenges, and I am confident we will again persevere to find success. Our children will need us to inspire them and keep them focused on their goals.

We remain committed to supporting your family through technology, learning tools, and social-emotional guidance. We will keep you updated through phone and email messages, district and school websites, and social media.

We are in this together. We are strong. We are Lynwood.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gudiel R. Crosthwaite".

Gudiel R. Crosthwaite, Ph.D.  
Superintendent of Schools