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Jan. 8, 2025 as of 4:00 p.m.

All Los Angeles Unified Schools and Offices Closed on Thursday, Jan. 9

Joint Statement from Superintendent Alberto M. Carvalho, Board President Scott M. Schmerelson, and Board Vice-President Dr. Rocío Rivas

Los Angeles, CA (Jan. 8, 2025 as of 4:00 p.m.) – As the Los Angeles region continues responding to this unprecedented crisis, the health and safety of our students and employees are of the utmost importance. **All Los Angeles Unified schools and offices will be closed on Thursday, Jan. 9.** The confluence of factors – wind, fire, and smoke – have created dangerous, complex situations that present unsafe conditions for our school communities. Select essential personnel will be contacted by their supervisors regarding potential work duties.

As part of the District's Continuity of Learning efforts, students will continue to have digital access to academic resources. More information is available at https://www.lausd.org/learningcontinues.

The District will continue assessing the situation over the next 24 hours while preparing for the possibility of online learning on Friday, Jan. 10. A decision about Friday, Jan. 10 will be announced by 4:00 p.m. on Thursday.

Available resources include the following:

- **Meal Distribution:** From 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Jan. 9, Los Angeles Unified will open eight sites (two per region) to provide meals for students. District families may stop by and walk into any of these locations to receive two meals per student. **This will only be available for Los Angeles Unified students.**
 - North: Mulholland Middle School, Sepulveda Middle School
 - East: Hollenbeck Middle School, South Gate High School
 - South: Fremont High School, Harry Bridges Span School
 - West: Marina Del Rey Middle School, Sonia Sotomayor Arts and Sciences and Magnet
- Mental Health Support Services: Los Angeles Unified students and families in need of mental health support are encouraged to call our Student and Family Wellness Resource Line at 213-241-3840. Support is currently available between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m., Monday through Friday. Employees may access Employee Assistance Service for Education (EASE) by visiting https://www.lausd.org/domain/1438 or calling the 24/7 support line at 800-882-1341.
- Other Resources: We encourage members of the Los Angeles Unified family
 who are in need during this difficult time to visit lausd.org to learn about available
 City, County, and community-based resources and connect with entities who are
 prepared to assist.

For the most up-to-date information, please follow Los Angeles Unified on Twitter/X at <u>@laschools</u> and <u>@lausdsup</u>, Instagram at <u>@laschools</u> and <u>@lausdsup</u>, Facebook at <u>@laschools</u> and <u>@AlbertoMCarvalho1</u>, and Bluesky at <u>@laschools.bsky.social</u> and <u>@lausdsup.bsky.social</u>.

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