

INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE
Los Angeles Unified School District
Office of Environmental Health and Safety

TO: Regional Superintendents
All Regions

DATE: January 14, 2025

FROM: Carlos A. Torres, Director 
Office of Environmental Health and Safety

**SUBJECT: AIR QUALITY ADVISORY FOR JANUARY 14, 2025, HIGH WIND
WARNING AND RED FLAG WARNING THROUGH JANUARY 15, 2025**

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) has issued a Windblown Dust Advisory for January 14, 2025, due to strong Santa Ana winds gusting from 30 to 60 miles per hour (mph) throughout Los Angeles County including most areas within Los Angeles Unified School District (LA Unified). In areas directly impacted by dust, air quality may reach “unhealthy for sensitive groups” levels. Sensitive or susceptible persons, including children, older adults and those with heart or lung disease, should minimize outdoor activity.

Additionally, the National Weather Service (NWS) has issued a High Wind Warning through Wednesday, January 15, 2025, for the Malibu Coast, Santa Susana Mountains, Eastern Santa Monica Mountains Recreational Area, San Fernando Valley, and San Gabriel Mountains. The NWS is forecasting north to northeast winds 30 to 40 miles per hour (mph) with gusts up to 70 mph. Caution should be taken in areas where pop-up canopies, tree branches or other objects may become airborne and exposed to wind damage. Students and staff should be kept away from these areas while high winds are present.

Immediately direct reports or fallen tree limbs to the Maintenance and Operations Branch website at <https://mo.laschools.org/applications/mo/workorder-request/>. When wind speeds exceed 25 miles per hour, construction materials that could become airborne (such as unsecured plywood sheeting, tarps, etc.) must be properly secured and construction related activities that have the potential to create dust (such as excavating and grading) should be suspended.

Furthermore, the NWS has issued a Red Flag Warning through Wednesday, January 15, 2025, for much of Los Angeles County, including most areas within LA Unified boundaries. Forecasted low humidity in combination with strong winds create favorable conditions for extreme fire behavior should fire ignition occur. Exercise caution with potential ignition sources.

The Office of Environmental Health and Safety (OEHS) will continue to monitor air quality and 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 my office at (213) 241-3199.

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