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

TO: Regional Superintendents DATE: September 9, 2024

All Regions

FROM: Carlos A. Torres, Director

Office of Environmental Health and Safety

SUBJECT: EXCESSIVE HEAT WARNING AND AIR QUALITY ADVISORY FOR

SEPTEMBER 9, 2024

The National Weather Service (NWS) has issued an excessive heat warning for September 9, 2024, for all areas within Los Angeles Unified boundaries.

All District personnel must be prudent in modifying activities for both students and staff 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. <u>Policy Bulletin BUL-963.2</u> (<u>Guidelines for Preventing Heat Stress</u>) and <u>Policy Bulletin BUL-6862.0</u> (<u>Guidelines for Preventing Thermal Contact Burns from Play Surfaces</u>) provide guidance for all schools and offices.

The Office of Environmental Health and Safety (OEHS) has a website dedicated to heat illness prevention. Visit Office of Environmental Health & Safety / Heat Illness Prevention (lausd.org) for more details. The Division of Occupational Safety and Health (Cal/OSHA) also provides educational and training resources at http://www.dir.ca.gov/DOSH/HeatIllnessInfo.html.

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) forecasts air quality levels on September 9, 2024, to be "unhealthy for sensitive groups" for communities located within the Central Los Angeles, Southeast Los Angeles County, San Fernando Valley, and the San Gabriel Mountains. Sensitive or susceptible persons, including children, older adults, and those with heart or lung disease, should minimize outdoor activity. Refer to the attached maps of schools that fall within these designated areas.

Additionally, the SCAQMD forecasts air quality levels on September 9, 2024, to be "unhealthy" for West San Gabriel Valley and South San Gabriel Valley. Everyone should discontinue prolonged, vigorous outdoor exercise lasting longer than one hour. Susceptible persons, such as those with heart or lung disease, should avoid outdoor activity entirely. Refer to the attached maps of schools that fall within these designated areas.

OEHS will continue to monitor air quality 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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