

Superintendent Message March 11, 2022

Next week will be a new experience for many as we begin to see the smiling faces of our students, our colleagues, and members of the community once again. I am sure everyone is hopeful as we remove our masks and anticipate new horizons in the wake of the COVID pandemic. Still, I understand some are exhilarated by the changes, while others have a heightened sense of trepidation.

I want to reassure everyone that we will continue to make the health and safety of our students and staff a priority as we begin this transition from a pandemic to an endemic COVID-19 environment. Those who choose to continue wearing masks will be supported in that decision. I, myself, will likely continue wearing a mask when I am in surroundings that are unfamiliar or around people who I do not know.

I want to thank everyone who has completed the [Community Engagement Survey](#) for our strategic planning process. If you have not completed the survey, it is still open. The survey is one piece of data we are collecting. On March 15 – 16, 2022, LISD will be hosting focus groups to gather additional input to help inform the future direction of the school district. We still have some slots available, and we would love to have you join us. If you are interested in being part of these in-person focus groups, please email me at emurray@lopezislandschool.org. Later in March, our steering committee will begin the review of all the data collected, and our strategic plan will start to take shape.

The months ahead will be busy with strategic planning, graduation, budgeting, planning for the end of the school year and the beginning of the next school year, and other activities. I look forward to working with the community, staff, and students to begin our journey to the future. We have three (3) weeks of hard work before spring break; let's make the most of the time we have together.

Ed Murray

LISD Superintendent