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RE: POSTPONEMENT OF THE EARLY START CALENDAR

Dear LAUSD Community,

The Los Angeles Unified School District has decided to postpone the implementation of the Early Start Calendar until the summer of 2012. The economic uncertainty in California continues to pose serious challenges to our District. Governor Jerry Brown’s proposed tax election in June could result in deferred State and district budget decisions with a significant impact on the preparation of the upcoming 2011-2012 school year.

By postponing the implementation of the Early Start Calendar to the 2012-13 school year, the District will have sufficient time to secure bargaining unit agreements and make decisions based on up-to-date financial information. In addition, implementing this calendar in 2012-2013 school year will allow time to make adjustments to the new calendar and provide LAUSD students, families, communities and employees time to plan for the 2012-2013 school year. Schools that are currently on Early Start or Balanced Calendars will remain on these calendars for the 2011-2012 school year.

Beginning in the summer of 2012, the District will no longer have schools on year-round schedules. It is expected that the transition to the Early Start Calendar will apply to every school in the District. We are currently discussing the 2011-2012 academic school calendar and will make it available as soon as it is finalized.

We hope that this change in planning will assist the District in providing our students with a more orderly and productive 2011-12 school year.

Sincerely,

Ramon C. Cortines
Superintendent of Schools

c: Members, Board of Education