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LOS ENCINOS SCHOOL GRANTED WAIVER TO RE-OPEN DURING PANDEMIC

With diligence and persistence, a small school in Encino gets a big break after making their campus safe for kids.

With gratitude to the frontline workers at the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health who are being so careful when it comes to the health of school communities, **Los Encinos School**, an independent K-6 elementary school in Encino, CA, is pleased to announce that their waiver application has been approved to re-open the campus for all kindergarten, first grade, and second grade students. Third, fourth, fifth, and sixth-graders will continue At-Home Learning with online instruction.

Los Encinos School (known by the acronym L.E.S.) is currently celebrating their 40th anniversary as an institution of elementary education, serving students in kindergarten through sixth grade. Due to the pandemic, the school was forced to make an emergency transition on March 16 from On-Campus Learning to At-Home Learning, utilizing several online platforms in order to deliver instruction. In anticipation of returning to campus, over the summer the Los Encinos School administration worked diligently to facilitate a safe return by following protocols that meet, and in many cases exceed, the standards set forth by the LADPH and the CDC in order to ensure a safe campus for students, teachers, and all other employees.

About Los Encinos School

Located in the heart of Encino on Ventura Boulevard, Los Encinos School is relatively small in size -- one classroom per grade with two teachers and an assistant for grades K-6 (the current total student population is 168) -- yet huge in its commitment to each individual child. Ever since the school was founded in 1980, the philosophy has been focused on helping its diverse student population achieve success, knowing that each child is unique. The program offers rigorous academics integrated with a rich arts and humanities curriculum that includes drama and music. Students are emboldened with STEAM projects and bring the array of skills to life in the new makerspace lab. P.E. and intramural sports round out the day. In addition, service learning and a schoolwide "Virtues & Values" initiative are huge components. Los Encinos School prides itself on creating learners who love to learn, can problem-solve, and are first and foremost good people. To learn more about LES, a Virtual Open House is scheduled for November 19. For more information about Los Encinos School, go to losencinosschool.org/admissions.

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