



March 12, 2023

BES Staff,

We have been monitoring methane levels, impacting the TK, K/1, 1/2, and BES Office buildings, and are grateful to report that **levels have declined in all areas (0's or 1's on the meter) and we will be able to open school back up fully tomorrow.** A couple things to keep in mind:

- Bishop is expected to get 0.5 - 1.5" of rain this week, mostly on Tuesday 3/14. Methane levels will be checked regularly.
- **Ventilation is key.** If you are in the TK, K/1, 1/2 or BES office building, please continue to keep a window open, door cracked, and fan on. (Most HVAC units have an option for the fan to be "on" or "auto" - go with "on".) This is especially important once you are done for the day and can open things up even more. Our nighttime custodial crew will lock up at night.
- Levels are lower than during the January storms, and nowhere near hazardous. The exposure threshold the county has set for us is quite conservative/low due to how young these students are.
- Most heating units were set to 60 degrees today while ventilating rooms/hallways in the 4 buildings so prepare to need to bump that up once you arrive on campus Monday morning.
- Linked for you [here](#) is a copy of the District's Gas Leak Emergency Procedures. This will be distributed to all staff in the District later on this month.

We are working closely with the County and Cal OES for a long term methane mitigation solution. This is a top priority and essential to avoid future school closures and ensure the safety of students and staff. Please reach out with any questions or concerns, looking forward to being back tomorrow.

Thank you for hanging in there.

- Katie, Gretchen, & Adam