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Re: Notice of Special Board Meeting July 30 and Good News to Know

Good afternoon LTUSD friends and families,

The district would like to thank you for completing the recent school reopening surveys. Data from the surveys has greatly informed the reopening process and as we move forward with approving a plan, the Superintendent and Board of Education continue to welcome your input. The reopening plan being proposed at a Special Board Meeting tomorrow night will serve as an overarching guide and framework for school sites. Your comments and feedback regarding next school year will continue to assist and inform the process at the site level so please continue to send in your comments to info@ltusd.org. **The Special Board of Education meeting is scheduled for 6:00 pm tomorrow, July 30, 2020, to discuss and take action on a final draft of the LTUSD COVID-19 Pandemic Plan for the 20/21 School Year. Here is a link to the full agenda. (Click on 7/30/20 in the right column.) The summary agenda is attached.** In accordance with the Executive Stay at Home Order N-29-20 the Boardroom will be closed to members of the public and all public participation will be handled remotely. **Please see the *Communications from the Public* section of the agenda for instructions. Participants and observers may view the meeting via this Zoom link.** We hope you can join us.

Meetings are now being recorded and uploaded to the district's Agenda Online homepage here: <https://laketahoe.agendaonline.net/public/>. Recordings are available for 30 days.

We've received several questions regarding the [Elevated Digital Learning Academy](#) and hope that the following FAQs can help to clarify.

Q:By filling out the Pre-Enrollment form, did I enroll my child in Elevated, and did I lose my current enrollment spot?

A:By completing the Pre-Enrollment form, you did not automatically enroll your child in the school nor did you unenroll your student from the school in which they are currently enrolled for the 20-21 school year. The form was intended only to gauge interest in

participation. Enrollment will open in August after the CDE assigns a County-District-School Code, authorizing opening of the school. Enrollment information will be sent to you in August based on the contact information you provided on the form.

Q:What is the difference between the distance learning that will be provided by my child's current school site during the distance learning (campuses closed) phase and the year-long learning provided by Elevated?

A:Elevated is intended for families who are choosing to attend school via online learning only, for the entire school year. It is not a transitional school which one would transfer out after other school campuses reopen to in-person instruction. If district schools reopen under distance learning, all students will receive instruction online until a different school model is implemented, such as traditional, hybrid, etc.

Q:While the other K-8 school sites are providing distance learning, will they provide the same format, structure and curriculum as Elevated?

A:All schools will deliver standards-based instruction. Elevated will use the same curriculum as that of school sites.

Q:Are the required qualifications and experience of the teachers the same?

A:Yes. The district is adopting a new learning management system specifically for online learning, called Canvas. All teachers in the district will receive training on the new system and will have the same expectations (by grade level and subject) in delivering standards-based instruction when using Canvas. Grade level collaboration across the district (including Elevated) will ensure a consistent quality and rigor of instruction, however, delivery of instruction offered by Elevated may differ from those instructional modes that are able to be offered in-class (such as labs, group projects, field trips, etc.) Elevated Digital Learning Academy will employ LTUSD teachers who are subject to the same state credentialing requirements and standards as those working at school sites. Elevated is a district school and all teachers (regardless of location) are subject to state credential requirements.

Q: Will the grade levels between all school sites, including Elevated, have the same daily time commitment of the students?

A:Yes, while the district is in the distance learning phase due to COVID-19 safety concerns, equivalent instructional minutes will be consistent by grade level across all schools.

Q:Will the same technology and support be provided to students in each school?

A:Yes, all students will receive the same technology and support.

For elementary school students:

Q:If, during the 20/21 school year, I want to transfer my student out of Elevated into the elementary school they were to attend during the 20/21 school year, will they be guaranteed enrollment in that school?

A:No. Should school sites reopen during the 20/21 school year for traditional learning, your student is not guaranteed entry into the elementary school they were to attend before enrolling in Elevated. However, they may be admitted into the elementary school if there is room in their grade. This also applies to future school years.

Q:What is the difference between the ILA (Independent Learning Academy) and Elevated Digital Learning Academy?

A:See chart below:

Topic	Elevated Digital Learning Academy	Independent Learning Academy
Structure	School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program offered through a student's resident school • Home school option
Enrollment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One trimester commitment with transfers in and out at the end of a trimester • Enrollment for the entire school year preferred 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students may voluntarily enter and exit the program throughout the school year • Students may be removed from the program if they 1) do not attend weekly teacher appointments and/or 2) routinely submit work by past due dates TK-5: referral required by resident school Principal 6-12: referral required by resident School Counselor
Grades	Transitional Kindergarten - 8	Transitional Kindergarten - 12
Class Schedule	Daily teacher and peer interaction using videoconferencing (such as Zoom and Google Meet)	Weekly teacher appointments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flexible schedule to accommodate traveling or athletics

Instruction Delivery	Online with live, teacher-led daily instruction using videoconferencing (such as Zoom or Google Meet) and pre-recorded lessons	Weekly teacher appointments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TK-5: Book and instructional materials based • 6-12: Online using Edgenuity Courseware
Courses	Standards-based, same as those offered at school sites	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standards-based, same as those offered at school sites • Grades 6-12: students must enroll in a minimum of two core academic classes • Grades 6-8 have the opportunity to take coursework at South Tahoe Middle School that is not offered through Independent Study • High school students can blend classes through Independent Study, South Tahoe High School, and Lake Tahoe community College to achieve credit status necessary to graduate
Instructional Materials	Same as those used at school sites	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TK-5: standards based book and instructional materials, same as those used at school sites • 6-12: Edgenuity online courseware, standards based
Attendance	Mandatory participation in daily, live teacher-led instruction	Weekly teacher appointments
Sports and Extracurricular activities	Participation in athletics and extracurricular activities welcome	
School Calendar	Follows District calendar	
Teachers	District teachers	
Administration	Principal of Elevated Digital Learning Academy	Principal of school through which ILA participation has been coordinated
Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Computer or similar device and reliable internet access required • Will be provided and supported by the District as needed 	

Q:Are the enrollees eligible to play middle school sports?

A:Yes, however, at this time NIAA and CIF have postponed all fall sports until January 2021.

IN THE SCHOOLS AND IN THE COMMUNITY

School Board Elections on November 3, 2020 - 3 seats will be up for election for [Trustee Areas 1, 3 and 4](#). If you are considering running for election and would like to know more about the role of a school board member, you are encouraged to browse the [California School Boards Association website](#) and look for upcoming filing instructions and information on the district's website, to be posted soon. [Message to Parents from Barton Health: Scheduling School Medical Appointments](#) Barton Health is here to meet the needs of our community and help parents be prepared for the upcoming school year. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, office visits are currently limited for the health and safety of both patients and healthcare workers. We are adapting care to ensure students have their medical requirements completed before classes begin.

[LTUSD's COVID-19 Resource pages](#) - Includes links to information and resources; links to flyers regarding coronavirus and [what to do if your child has symptoms](#); and link to [LTUSD Community Resources Page](#) .

[Back-to-school Childhood Immunizations Offered](#) - El Dorado County Public Health Nursing Manger, Lynnan Svensson is reminding parents to plan for the coming school year by ensuring their children are up-to-date on required immunizations. For families without a healthcare provider, the El Dorado County Health and Human Services Agency, Public Health Nursing program offers low-cost back-to-school immunizations for eligible children. Public Health can provide all childhood vaccinations required for school entry, as well as other vaccinations recommended to keep children healthy.

[El Dorado County What's New In Public Health Update](#) - Immunization information, COVID-19 updates, clinical services, oral health information, and more.

CDC has produced a series of factsheets for young adults, ages 15-21. The factsheets cover a variety of topics, including what test results mean, how to stay safe at the pool or beach, how to wear a face covering and other preventive measures.

- [Wear a Cloth Face Covering to Protect You and Your Friends](#) [1 MB, PDF]

- [Help Protect Yourself and Others from COVID-19](#) [1 MB, PDF]
- [What Your Test Results Mean](#) [1 MB, PDF]
- [Slow the Spread of COVID-19](#) [1 MB, PDF]
- [Do it for Yourself and Your Friends](#) [1 MB, PDF]
- [Stay Safe at the Pool/Beach](#) [1 MB, PDF]

South Lake Tahoe Mobile Pantry The Food Bank of El Dorado County holds their SLT Mobile Pantry / Free Farmers Market in St. Theresa's Church parking lot (1041 Lyons Ave. SLT, CA 96150) every 4th Wednesday, May through October 2020 from 10:00 am to 11:00 am. If you or someone you know is in need of fresh produce and a week's supply of staple foods come on down!! We hope to see you there! For more info please email info@foodbankedc.org .

[LTCC Ed Connect Summer Camps - Registration Open! English and Spanish here.](#)

[Tahoe STEM Camps Ages 6-15 - offering virtual, hybrid, and small group on-campus...English and Spanish here.](#) [Kindergarten/TK Online Enrollment \(and all new students\) for 20/21 school year is OPEN NOW](#) . Please visit the district's [Kindergarten/TK information page on the website](#) for more information about all district elementary schools enrollment. You may also call your elementary school for assistance. Links to all school websites can be found [HERE](#). [Foster & Kinship Care Education Program](#) offers free training and community clinics on topics such as parenting, mental health, physical health and overall wellness. Upcoming trainings via Zoom include **Nuts and Bolts of being and RFA home, Nurtured Heart Series, How trauma shows up during adolescence, I Can crisis, and more.** The flyers are in English and Spanish.

With kind regards,

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