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Re: LTUSD Welcomes You to the 20/21 School Year! Please read this very Important Message

Good afternoon LTUSD friends and families,

The first day of school, August 31, is just around the corner and we are very excited to embark on a dynamic, new distance learning experience with our families. As you are aware LTUSD adopted the [LTUSD COVID-19 Pandemic Plan \(En español\)](#) and we are preparing to begin the school year in Phase 1. We will be in Phase 1 for 6 weeks, with reassessment at the 4th week. At that time, our hope is that we will have met, or can project to meet, the criteria to move to the hybrid schedule on or about Oct. 12. Please [click on this link to view a back-to-school video message from Dr. Nancy Williams](#), El Dorado County Public Health Officer, who is providing support to the school districts of El Dorado County as they continue to prepare for in-person instruction.

The District understands that distance learning presents a range of difficulties for every family but we want to assure you that your teachers, administrators, and all staff members, intend to do their very best to engage, connect, and meet the needs of every student. The district thanks its families, staff, and community partners, for their support throughout the summer as we navigated this very challenging time - *together*.

BACK TO SCHOOL

Please read thoroughly to learn all the back to school information you will need for a smooth start to the school year! Be sure to read all updates from your school site as well to learn more details about your specific school.

The AERIES PARENT PORTAL is now open. **ALL RETURNING STUDENTS MUST** update their emergency contact information and review annual notifications online through the [Aeries Parent Portal](#) . Please follow the instructions carefully for information regarding [free & reduced meals](#) and [Chromebook Insurance](#).

CONFIDENTIAL FREE OR REDUCED MEAL APPLICATION – Everyone that fills out the application, whether you qualify or not, automatically receives 50% off their Chromebook insurance! (It took me only 4 minutes and I'm saving \$30 for two kids!) The

application is **confidential and used internally only by the LTUSD food services department** to qualify your student for free or reduced meals. **Your information is not shared with any outside agencies and it does not affect your credit.** What it **does do** is provide your child with healthy meals during the school day and earns money for academic programs for your school!

MEAL SERVICES will continue while the district is in Phase 1 (distance learning.) The plan will look similar to the pick-up plan in place during the end of last school year, with additional bus stops and minor schedule changes. The schedule will be out soon.

Here is a [link to the 2020/21 School Year Calendar](#). ([Calendario 20/21 En Español](#))

AERIES SCHOOL COMMUNICATIONS PLATFORM: Communications is a simple tool that allows parents, students, and staff, to easily communicate and to remain up-to-date with district, school, and classroom announcements. **Please note: By default, email, phone and text (SMS) are enabled at the start of each school year until the user elects to opt out.** To customize your notification preferences follow these steps:

- Login into the [Aeries portal](#) and click on the **Communications Tab in the top menu bar** (Not in the left column where it says “Aeries Communications” in Blue and Red).[Portals](#)
- Once inside, you can customize your preferences by **clicking on your initials inside the bubble icon in the upper left corner.**
- If your preferred language is other than English make a selection in the “Personal Info” screen under “PREFERRED LANGUAGE” - click the drop-down arrow.
- **Click on “Notifications”** under your initials.
- All of the boxes should be checked – you must uncheck boxes if you do not want to receive the specified messages by either call, text (SMS), or email.

[Back-to-School Immunization Clinics](#) in South Lake Tahoe - Childhood immunizations are required for students in California - please be sure your child’s shots are up to date. For more information see [immunization requirements here](#) and low cost [immunization clinic information here](#).

DELAC (District English Learners Advisory Committee):

Buenas tardes, El Distrito Escolar tendrá una junta breve del DELAC este lunes, 17 de agosto a las 9:00 a.m. con el propósito de recibir aporte y aprobación de los padres de Aprendices de Inglés sobre planes requeridos por el estado. Nos gustaría invitarles a todos que asistan y ofrezcan su opinión y aporte. No duden en comunicarse conmigo con cualquier pregunta. Se encuentra el enlace para la junta en línea y la agenda abajo.

Good afternoon, The School District will have a brief DELAC meeting this Monday, August 17 at 9:00 a.m. for the purpose of receiving input and approval from parents of

English Learners on state-required plans. We would like to invite everyone to attend and offer their input and input. Feel free to contact me with any questions. You will find the link for the online meeting and agenda below.

Atentamente,
Karen Goldberg

Meeting ID/Id de reunion: 824 6078 6545

Password/Contrasena: DELAC

Link/Enlace:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82460786545?pwd=VkZKVVUgyZGVJeUI2NSsxdzdQOW9pQT09>

MORE COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

[Hike for Hope in the Month of September for Suicide Prevention Month](#) - Please join us in our efforts to end the stigma surrounding mental health and suicide.

Throughout the month of September, we encourage you to get outside and walk or hike with friends and family, or on your own! We know that physical activity and spending time outdoors is good for our mental wellness so let's encourage and empower others to join us in this movement. All monies raised benefit the prevention, education and outreach programs at Suicide Prevention Network . **[Sign up here.](#)**

[Local youth ages 5-19 can participate in 4-H virtual projects](#) (South Tahoe Now)

Head, Heart, Hands, Health. The 4-H Youth Development Program offers many fun and educational activities for its members and it is now available for youth in the South Lake Tahoe area.

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 every 4th Wednesday (August 26th), 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 .

[Tahoe Women's Community Fund Annual report](#) - Also posted on the TWCF website at www.tahowomenscommunityfund.org

[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](#)** .

[COVID-19 and Tahoe's Economy: Resource Guide](#): The Lake Tahoe basin is feeling the effects of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). Please **[check here](#)** for up to date

information and resources to help you as local residents, non-profits, employees, and businesses.

[EDC Community Hubs](#), staffed with family engagement, literacy and health specialists, work to strengthen families and reduce isolation and stress. They can help with various social services applications as well. EDC Hub5 also maintains a Facebook group where it shares resources, information, parenting advice and activities:

www.facebook.com/CommunityHub5/.

[UC Cooperative Extension Central Sierra](#) During the COVID-19 pandemic, you can help spread the word about Central Sierra resources to make sure everyone has enough to eat. **If your family, your neighbors, or anyone you know is in need of food, assistance is available!** Links to information about all Central Sierra food banks, WIC agencies, school meal sites, senior meals, how to **sign up for CalFresh/food stamps**, food safety, home cooking, home-based activities for families, and more are available on the following webpage, which will be regularly updated until the end of the crisis: **COVID-19 Community Resources**.

[EI 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]

[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.

Links to your school sites for more back-to-school information and local education news:

[LTUSD Website](#)

[South Tahoe High School](#)

[South Tahoe Middle School](#)

[Bijou Community School](#)

[Tahoe Valley Elementary](#)

[Sierra House Elementary](#)

[Lake Tahoe Environmental Science Magnet](#)

[LOCAL EDUCATION NEWS](#)

[DISTRICT CALENDARS](#)

A very warm welcome back,

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