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Re: Board of Education Meeting August 25 and Back to School!

Good afternoon LTUSD friends and families,

A Regular Board of Education meeting is scheduled for 6:00 pm Tuesday, August 25, 2020 (with Closed Session at 5:00pm) [Here is a link to the full agenda.](#) (Click on 8/25/20 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 60 days.

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](#) still available on August 25 and August 28 in South Lake Tahoe - Childhood immunizations are required for students in California - please be sure your child’s shots are up to date. **The district is not waiving immunization requirements due to distance learning.** For more information see [immunization requirements here](#) and low cost [immunization clinic information here](#).

[Preparing for Back-to-School Success: A message for parents from Childmind.org](#): This year, hopes and fears about going back to school are so different from normal times that it’s hard to know how to help kids get a strong start. There’s no perfect answer, but there are things that can help. This week we’ve asked our learning experts what parents and teachers can do to set kids up for success during this confusing and stressful time. **For parents**, we’ve got tips for connecting with teachers, helping your child get organized, advocating for your child’s needs, and setting manageable goals and smart boundaries (hint: you don’t need to be your child’s teacher).

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/Contraseña: DELAC

Link/Enlace:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82460786545?pwd=VkZKVUgyZGVJeUI2NSsxdzdQOW9pQT09>

CAFECITOS Meeting for Middle and High School parents Sept. 2 at 8:00 am via Zoom. See link for more information.

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 for families and students; 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](#).

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

[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](#)

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A very warm welcome back,

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