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Re: Newsletter and Board of Education Meeting September 22

Good afternoon LTUSD friends and families,

Happy Friday! Let's hope for more rain and clean air to give our firefighters some respite and allow us to play outside! Well, the third eventful week of distance learning is under our belts and I must say that it just keeps getting better! As we continue to dial this system in, continue to learn from each other, and continue to get comfortable with our screen selves (flat-faced and flipped), we can't help but improve on this extraordinary experience. The District thanks its families and staff profusely for your patience and support.

Monday marks the 4th week of the first 6-week phase of Distance Learning as outlined in the Pandemic Educational Plan adopted on July 30, 2020. In accordance with the Plan, an assessment of current COVID-19 data and information will begin on September 21, to determine if the criteria for movement to Phase 2 Hybrid Model can be met. Superintendent Todd Cutler, Ed.D., will present the most up-to-date data and information available at the Board meeting on Tuesday, September 22.

A Regular Board of Education meeting is scheduled for 6:00 pm Tuesday, September 22, 2020 (with Closed Session at 5:00pm) [Here is a link to the full agenda.](#) (Click on 9/22/20 in the right column.) The summary agenda is attached. The meeting will be conducted virtually via Zoom 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.**

[MEAL DELIVERY SCHEDULE](#) - Breakfast and lunch is now offered to all children ages 0-18 at no charge through December 2020. Routes will be updated as needed. Buses will distribute meals at each bus stop listed and will depart bus stops at the designated time. If students or parents miss the delivery, they may go to Bijou, Sierra House, Tahoe Valley or the Middle School between the hours of 12pm & 2PM to pick up meals. [See schedule here and on the district website.](#)

[Bread & Broth 4 Kids moves from summer program to school year bags of food](#) –

South Tahoe Now - Friday bags will be available to qualified families at four school sites (Sierra House, Bijou, Tahoe Valley and South Tahoe Middle School) and school bus stop locations every Friday. Weekend food bags can also be picked up from Choices for Children's office located at 1029 Takela Drive, Ste. #1.

Low Cost Seasonal Flu Vaccine Clinics in South Lake Tahoe in September and October

- Now, more than ever, it's important to get a flu shot: \$10 fee per vaccine; no one will be denied service due to inability to pay - Cash or check accepted; no appointment needed; Six months of age and up. Please wear face covering and physical distancing is required.

Back-to-School Immunizations - Childhood immunizations are required for students in California public school - please be sure your child's shots are up to date. Students will not be admitted to campus for in-person instruction without meeting the legal immunization requirements. For more information see [immunization requirements here](#) and low cost [immunization clinic information here](#).

CHROMEBOOKS / TECH SUPPORT:

If you have an issue with connectivity at your home, contact your service provider. If you are experiencing low bandwidth, it may be time to replace your router.

Prior to bringing your Chromebook in for repairs, try this quick fix method first:

<https://sites.google.com/ltusd.org/devicehelp/home>

- If you have issues with hardware, i.e., Chromebooks, Mifis, etc., bring your device to the Middle School roundabout on Tuesdays from 10:00am - 12:00pm or Thursdays from 12:00 - 2:00pm. PLEASE STAY IN YOUR CAR and an attendant will come to you. You can also leave a message for Jennifer Sunzeri at 530-541-2850 ext. 1056 or send an email to jsunzeri@ltusd.org.
- If you experience software issues, i.e., password or login problems, contact your student's teacher and if they cannot resolve it, they will forward your request.
- For assistance in Spanish please leave a message at the District Office - (530) 541-2850 ext. 0 and your call will be returned within one day.

CAFECITOS Elementary Meetings will be held every Thursday at 5:30pm for all elementary schools, combined. Parents will learn how to navigate the online school system and track their child's progress through Canvas.

Lake Tahoe Unified School District saves taxpayers \$3.3M by refinancing bonds –

South Tahoe Now/Tahoe Daily Tribune - The Lake Tahoe Unified School District (LTUSD) was able to refinance \$15.15 million in general obligation bonds in September, saving property owners in the district \$3,335,698 in property taxes. With low interest rates brought about by the pandemic and economic uncertainty, LTUSD refinanced two series of their Election of 2008 General Obligation Bonds.

[Tahoe Valley School creates Family Literacy Garden](#) – South Tahoe Now - A summer-long project at Tahoe Valley Elementary School is now open to the public and the tree at the center of the love-filled efforts is in memory of student Marianna Zepeda. The quiet, reflective garden area includes seating, a lending library and a tree dedicated to Marianna, a 4th grade student who passed away June 19.

MORE COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

[LTCC CONNECT Fall Academy:](#) The focus for CONNECT Fall Academy is to keep kids & teens moving, connecting, and enhance their learning in the virtual environment. The Academy workshops take place after LTUSD school hours, one or two days per week in small groups, based outdoors, many using natural resources. **More information is attached.**

[Zephyr Point Learning Pods](#) - You don't have to struggle alone this school year. Zephyr Point is excited to offer a learning support pod program. Designed to bring, safety, exploration, academic help, programmed activities and enjoyment of all that Lake Tahoe has to offer!

[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.](#)

South Lake Tahoe Mobile Pantry Canceling distribution Sept. 23 - Oct. 2 due to the full closure of U.S. Highway 50 over Echo Summit. You can receive food assistance at St. Theresa's Bread and Broth, 1041 Lyons Ave., Mondays and Fridays from 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm. or the Family Resource Center, 3501 Spruce Ave., Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. info@foodbankedc.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](#) .

[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**.

[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 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](#)

[Elevated Digital Learning Academy](#)

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DISTRICT NEWSLETTERS

A very warm welcome back,

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