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## Re: Message from Superintendent Todd Cutler and District Newsletter

Good afternoon LTUSD friends and families,

I know that many thanks have gone out to you for your patience and grace as the District works through this immensely difficult time and I am aware that this is a challenging time for families as well. I want to continue to express that appreciation and tell you that I and the staff at LTUSD genuinely do care about every single family's opinions, concerns, fears, predicaments, wishes, and needs. We are listening. We know this has been the hardest start to a school year ever and that it may not get easier, but please know that we are here to support every family, student, and staff member during this time. If you want to talk, my door is open, and if you want to write, please send me an email. I'm very happy to meet with anyone - please don't hesitate to call or email me: [tcutler@ltusd.org](mailto:tcutler@ltusd.org) or (530) 541-2850 ext. 1025.

Monday marks our first day of hybrid learning at the elementary schools. Our staff are ready to greet their students in person this week and the anticipation for that is highly emotional and exciting - we can't wait to see our youngest students arrive at their schools! Again, thank you to the South Lake Tahoe community for your support and for your warm welcome to me as your Superintendent over these last few months!

Warm regards,  
Todd Cutler, Superintendent

**A Regular Board of Education meeting is scheduled for 6:00 pm Tuesday, October 13, 2020 (with Closed Session at 5:00pm) [Here is a link to the full agenda.](#) (Click on 10/13/20 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.**

**[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.

**UPDATED MEAL DELIVERY SCHEDULE Effective Monday, Oct. 12 - Be sure to check this link for changes to meal delivery. 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: PLEASE NOTE CHANGE in DELIVERY SCHEDULE:** Weekly food bags will now be delivered with the school bus routes on Wednesdays. On Friday bags will be available at South Tahoe Middle School. Weekend food bags can also be picked up M-Th from Choices for Children's office located at 1029 Takela Drive, Ste. #1 **See attached flyer.**

#### **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](mailto: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.

**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](#).

**[LTUSD board supports student-led climate initiative](#)** – Tahoe Tribune - Former Climate Crew co-president Anthony Pedigo introduced a resolution in support of school district climate literacy to the LTUSD board members on Sept. 22. It was the culmination of a year of passionate student organizing, writing and mobilizing. The resolution passed unanimously.

## IN THE COMMUNITY

**[The Bridge Language Academy](#)** is a Spanish immersion enrichment program for pre-kindergarten through second grade children. All activities in this workshop will be conducted in Spanish with the facilitator employing a wide variety of instructional strategies to support participants in their understanding and learning. **See attached flyer for more information.**

**[Recreation and Aquatics Center seeking community input](#)** The City of South Lake Tahoe is in the design process for construction of a new Recreation and Aquatics Center and is seeking public input and participation. Please click on the link provided to take a survey and learn how you can participate in upcoming public meetings. Feel free to forward the link to your organization database, friends, and family. Thank you for helping to shape the future of recreation in South Lake Tahoe.

Public Participation Link <https://southlaketahoerecenter.konveio.com/participate>

**NIXLE - Parent Texting Network from Drug Free Coalition** As a parent, you are naturally concerned about your children's safety. As they grow older, one of those concerns centers on their potential exposure to drugs/substances of abuse and possible addiction. The mission of the South Tahoe Drug Free Coalition (DFC) is to prevent and reduce substance misuse in our youth. With a focus on nonjudgmental, factual education derived from evidence-based studies, the DFC provides a free parent texting network - Nixle. This is an opt-in program whereby an interested parent can choose to receive periodic texts (1-2 per month) identifying substance use trends seen locally in our schools and community, information about the drugs themselves, links to studies, and resources in our local area for assistance and treatment. Our hope is to provide the groundwork for improved communication between parents and children when addressing this important topic. **To join this texting network, simply text STDFC to 888777.**

**South Lake Tahoe Mobile Pantry October 28** 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 (October 28) 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](mailto:info@foodbankedc.org) .

**Fall Yard Clean Up & Home Fire Safety Tips:**The Tahoe Fire and Fuels Team (TFFT) reminds residents to make preparations now to be ready for fall wildfires and to save time and energy next spring. As fall approaches, and we think about spending more time inside, devote just a little more time outside to get your yard cleaned up and prepared for winter. Clean out and rake up leaves, pine needles and pinecones that have fallen and remove all dead vegetation that may have accumulated. **Press Release continued in Attached PDF.**

**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/](http://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 **Nurtured Heart Approach to Parenting Series, School in the Climate of COVID - how to help your child that is struggling, Surviving: Thriving Teens, Mental Health of Children and Adolescents, and more.** Most trainings are also offered in Spanish.

**LAKE TAHOE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT IS HIRING! TELL A FRIEND!**

All current classified opportunities are listed below. I have attached the job descriptions for your review. Please apply for positions of interest at [www.edjoin.com](http://www.edjoin.com).

- **Custodian-Swing/Graveyard-** STHS- *>Open until filled*
- **Cafeteria Supervisor-** Bijou Community School*> Position Closes October 7, 2020 at 5:00 pm*
- **WorkAbility Job Developer***>Open until filled.*
- **Library Assistant-** Tahoe Valley Elementary*>Position Closes October 14, 2020*

Please refer a friend to apply for any of the following temporary and/or substitute classified opportunities:

- **Substitute Bus Drivers -Now offering paid training and fingerprints**
- **Temporary Surveillance Assistant/Office Assistant- Tahoe Valley Elementary School** *>Position closes October 14, 2020 at 5:00 pm*
- **Substitute Custodians-various sites and various hours**
- **Substitute Instructional Assistant-SPED-various sites**
- **Temporary Grounds Maintenance Worker- various sites**

## 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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Sincerely,

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