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## Re: District Newsletter and Board Meeting November 10

Good afternoon LTUSD friends and families,

Happy Friday and happy snowy weekend ahead - it's been awhile! Congratulations to South Tahoe Middle School's very successful start to in-person learning this week! There was so much excitement in the school - everyone bright-eyed and bushy-tailed, and the kids navigated the one-way halls like, "ok, whatever, just happy to be here!" As we look forward to beginning the hybrid schedule at our high schools on November 30, we find ourselves approaching another benchmark for consideration of movement between phases in accordance with the [Pandemic Educational Plan](#). The district is reviewing the criteria, looking at the most up-to-date COVID-19 data available, and expects to announce next steps on Monday, Nov. 9.

The District is well-aware that cases are on the rise here in South Lake Tahoe, especially after Halloween weekend, and so we remind everyone to please do your part, act responsibly, wear masks and distance yourself 6ft, even in small social settings, to prevent the spread. We can get past this latest setback, and learn from it, by practicing appropriate pandemic behaviors going forward. It's not impossible to stamp out COVID-19 in our community, but we must act collectively and responsibly. As always, we remind all families to continue to use the [self-screening tool](#) daily and follow the [CDC recommendations for selecting, wearing, and cleaning your masks](#) ([Spanish](#)).

**A Regular Board of Education meeting is scheduled for 6:00 pm Tuesday, November 10, 2020 (with Closed Session at 5:00pm) [Here is a link to the full agenda.](#) (Click on 11/10/20 in the right column.) The summary agenda is attached. The meeting will be conducted with Board Members present in the Boardroom, 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.**

## IN THE SCHOOLS

**[PLEASE NOTE THE NEW MEAL DELIVERY SCHEDULE EFFECTIVE MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2](#) - Please also note meals will no longer be available for pick-up at South Tahoe Middle School, but rather should be obtained at a scheduled bus**

**stop.** Buses will distribute meals at each bus stop listed and will depart bus stops at the designated time. [See schedule here and on the district website.](#)

[Transportation Schedules for Elementary and Middle School](#) can be found here and are posted on the District website under Parents - Transportation. ***The elementary school transportation schedule has not changed due to STMS starting Monday.*** Bus pass fees are being waived at this time. No bus pass is required. Students must wear a mask and use hand sanitizer upon entering and exiting the bus.

**BIG THANKS go out to SIERRA-AT-TAHOE and General Manager John Rice** for continuing to celebrate the District's straight-A students, especially during this challenging time. Sierra-at-Tahoe's commitment to this community's youth is unwavering, and deeply appreciated. This year marks the 21st year of the inspiring [Straight A Ski Pass program and 315 students have received complimentary Season Passes with Unrestricted Access](#) for their achievements. Congratulations!

**Bread & Broth 4 Kids:** 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.

[Food Assistance Resources in South Lake Tahoe.](#) This list, in English and Spanish, is updated to include specific dates, times, and locations where families in need can find additional food assistance.

**[PARENTS WANTED - JOIN US VIRTUAL! What: The Community Advisory Committee for Special Education \(CAC\)](#)** is a mandated organization whose purpose is to advise the district on the unique requirements of individuals with exceptional needs. **Who:** Membership of the CAC includes interested parents of regular and special education students, representatives of public and private agencies, both regular and special education teachers, and others interested in the delivery of services to special education students. Seven meetings throughout the school year.

**[New and improved Distribution Guidelines for requesting publication in school and district newsletters](#)** Changes include the requirement that all flyers are disseminated electronically; organizations upload flyers to their own websites, Facebook, Google, etc.; a link and a short description of your event or notice in 100 words or less, and other changes...please see the new timeline and steps for getting your information published to District families.

**[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.

**LTUSD IS HIRING! TELL A FRIEND!**

All current classified opportunities are listed below. Please apply for positions of interest at [www.edjoin.com](http://www.edjoin.com).

- **Cafeteria Assistant**-Bijou Community School- 2.5 hrs per day (10:30 am-1:00 pm)
- **Cafeteria Assistant**- Tahoe Valley Elementary-5.75 hrs per day
- **Cafeteria Assistant**-South Tahoe High School-5.00 hrs per day
- **Custodian Graveyard** South Tahoe High School

## IN THE COMMUNITY

**Covered California Open Enrollment** - If you need health insurance, Barton Health's certified enrollment counselors offer FREE enrollment assistance by phone to review Covered California health insurance coverage options and guide you to the right plan. **See attached flyer.**

**The Efficacy of Masks** - Duke University scientists tested 14 types of masks for the level of effectiveness in stopping droplets expelled during speech. Here is a summary of what worked, and what didn't - **see attached flyer.**

**Fall / Holiday Fundraiser hosted by Assistance League Sierra Foothills** November 7th and 8th shop holiday boutique and home decor at St. Stephen's Church, 1001 Olson Lane, El Dorado Hills, free admission, masks & social distancing. Proceeds help homeless and disadvantaged children in El Dorado County and helps to fund the Operation School Bell program here in South Lake Tahoe.

**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. DFC provides a free parent texting network whereby you 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. **To join this texting network, simply text STDFC to 888777.**

**South Lake Tahoe Mobile Pantry November 26** 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 (November 26) 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) .

**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 links 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.

## **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](#)**

**[LOCAL EDUCATION NEWS](#)**

**[DISTRICT CALENDARS](#)**

**[DISTRICT NEWSLETTERS](#)**

**[COVID-19 FLYERS, SELF-SCREENING FORMS, HANDOUTS](#)**

Enjoy the weekend,

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