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Re: Stay At Home Order / LTUSD Newsletter / Board Meeting Dec. 15

Good afternoon LTUSD community,

As many of you know Governor Newsom issued a Regional Stay At Home Order for El Dorado County, as part of the Greater Sacramento Region, because the region fell below the 15% threshold on ICU availability. The Stay At Home Order went into effect last night, December 10, for a minimum of 3 weeks. The reason for these stay at home orders is to reduce the stress on the health care system.

LTUSD has felt the impact of COVID-19 limiting the ability to provide in-person instruction to the majority of students due to lack of available resources. The large number of staff exposed in the community has required the exclusion of staff members from school buildings while they are isolating or being quarantined. We have reached a critical point in our community where it is vital that each individual engage in socially responsible behavior so that we can resume school campus services, supports, and in-person instruction for ALL of our students. The regional stay at home orders do not impact K-12 schools. Our LTUSD K-8 campuses will continue to operate and provide small group instruction on campuses and we will prepare to resume in-person instruction as soon as we can be assured all resources are available to support the safe, efficient daily operations of each of the school sites.

While we are continuing to provide Distance Learning for the majority of our students, our school doors have never been closed. We will continue to provide transportation services, food services, academic and social emotional support to students on campus who are identified as in need. Students will continue to access special education services, counseling services, and academic and engagement activities. Our goal is to continue to increase these services, but we need your help!

By acting responsibly, wearing our masks, washing hands, social distancing, and not gathering in groups we can reduce the impact to our local and regional health care systems, and get kids back in school. People should stay at home as much as possible except to engage in outdoor activities, go to the doctor, or go to the grocery store. If you

do leave your home, please continue to use the [self-screening tool](#) **daily** and follow the [CDC recommendations for selecting, wearing, and cleaning your masks](#) (Spanish).

Thank you for your vigilance as we get through this extremely difficult time together.

Kindly,

Office of the Superintendent
Department of Student Health Services

A Regular Board of Education meeting is scheduled for 6:00 pm Tuesday, December 15, 2020 (with Closed Session at 5:00pm) [Here is a link to the full agenda](#). (Click on 12/15/20 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.

Superintendent Todd Cutler will swear in Board Member-elects Larry Reilly (2nd term), Bonnie Turnbull (2nd term), Val Mansfield (1st term), and Board Member-appointed Lauri Kemper. We wish to extend our sincere appreciation for the continued service of incumbents Larry Reilly and Bonnie Turnbull for running for election for a second term, thereby exhibiting their dedication and passion for the successful future of LTUSD, its students and families. Thank you.

IN THE SCHOOLS

Harvest of the Month: The UC Cooperative Extension CalFresh nutrition education program partners with Barton Health and LTUSD to implement Harvest of the Month, a statewide initiative that motivates students to make healthier food choices and brings fresh, in season produce to all South Lake Tahoe elementary schools. December's Harvest of the Month is Turnips! Here is a [link to this month's newsletter](#) and the corresponding [Turnips Video](#) - share and enjoy!

FOOD SERVICES will operate only on regularly scheduled school days. Services are not offered over Thanksgiving Recess (11/23-11/27). The [revised meal pick up schedule can be found here](#).

Urgent! Maximum District funding is dependent on the Household Income Form In past years, a large part of our school funding was calculated based on National School Lunch Program (NSLP) applications, however, due to COVID-19 and the issuance of free meals to all students, most districts in CA, including ours, did not collect NSLP applications, and therefore will not receive the maximum amount of funds for which we

are eligible. In lieu of NSLP applications, the state is requiring us to submit [Household Income Forms](#) from 100% of our income eligible families. By taking the time to fill out this form you will allow the district to qualify for its regular level of funding, but without your participation, these funds will not be received. This is so important, that we are asking *all* families to complete the form, even if you think you don't qualify. It only takes 4 minutes or less.

- There is only one form needed per household
- You do not need to fill out the form if you already qualify for Food Stamps, CalWORKS, KinGAP or FDPIR, or otherwise Direct Certified.
- You do not need to fill out the form if you already filled out a Free & Reduced Meals Application at the beginning of the school year.
- The information you give us is CONFIDENTIAL and used within our District only.

Please take the time to help our schools receive the maximum funding possible to support our programs! Here is [a link to the form and more information](#). If you prefer, paper copies of the form are available at the District Office.

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. **The next meeting is December 16 at 4:00 pm.**

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.

IN THE COMMUNITY

COVID Testing Available at Lake Tahoe Community College Through March 2021

— Lake Tahoe Community College will continue to serve as an appointment-only COVID-19 testing center through March 31, 2021. The college's standalone Physical Education building is the only large-scale COVID-19 active virus testing site operating in El Dorado County. **See attached press release.**

[Become a snow scientist with SnowSchool at Home!](#) To adapt to a more virtual world and keep our students safe, we've created a new winter-long series of outdoor SnowSchool activities and simple snow science experiments that can be right in your backyard (or local park, schoolyard etc)! Each activity has a short video to introduce it, and for those who are using SnowSchool for virtual schooling, online classroom or homeschooling, a corresponding activity/curriculum guide is provided.

Holidays During the Pandemic, a message from ChildMind.Org: As we head into the holidays, families everywhere are struggling to make plans appropriate for the pandemic. How do we celebrate when we can't be together as usual? How do we resolve differences of opinion about what is safe? How do we deal with more disappointment and frustration — and help our kids do the same? [Read more...](#)

[El Dorado County Library](#) is offering free online tutoring to anyone with a library card. We are so excited to announce a new resource available through the El Dorado County Library called **Tutor.com**. **Connect with a live tutor for FREE from 3 pm to 10 pm EVERY DAY.** Get writing and resume help and access to thousands of academic and career resources. All you need to access these amazing resources is a library card! Visit eldoradolibrary.org/tutor for more information.

[Youth Volleyball League 2020/21: Kahle Community Center](#) is excited to be offering a youth volleyball league for grades 3rd - 12th! All grade divisions will be co-ed. Games will be held at Kahle Community Center on weeknights. Registration begins 11/16/20 and League has been postponed - please contact Kahle Community Center. **See attached flyer.**

[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.**

[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 December 23 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 (December 23) 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 .

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/.

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.

Messages from Live Violence Free - Upcoming Events, Podcasts, Trainings:

One Conversation Podcasts: Live violence Free has just launched [#OneConversation](#) Podcasts. We dive into self-care, healthy relationships, relationship challenges and more. Listen here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pwr0VoMpdWk&t=244s>

Una Conversacion Podcasts: Live violence free ahora ofrece podcast en Español. En este podcast tenemos una conversacion de qué es una relación de violencia domestica, La rueda de poder y por qué no se va la víctima de una relacion abusiva. Una conversacion, El podcast donde creemos que una conversación puede cambiar una vida. Escucha aqui: <https://j.mp/3nwoOPj>

One Conversation Campaign We need your help to end child abuse, domestic violence, and sexual abuse in our community. [#OneConversation](#) can change someone's life. Learn about how to recognize the signs of abuse and how to talk to a victim and connect them with help. Together. we can end violence on the South Shore. <https://liveviolencefree.org/oneconversation/>

Crisis Intervention Training Live Violence Free is providing another free training for crisis intervention - it could be a real lifesaver! If you complete the 65.5 hour training online, you'll earn your state certification to be a Certified Crisis Counselor for free and have a good avenue for meaningful employment. You'll also be helping and supporting victims of domestic abuse and sexual violence so they can heal. Sign up today! https://liveviolencefree.org/get-involved/crisis-intervention-training/?fbclid=IwAR1GngtYi2IAhJle2HS78tiUQNhZsVSIAMgp_PYsExpiDJRxulO-mIFAWRg

Gift a Christmas

Live Violence Free Gift a Christmas program formerly known as “Adopt a Child” will move forward this year virtually. You can now gift a Christmas and purchase gifts from the comfort of your home. If you are interested in providing one of our clients with a smile and gifts, please call (530) 264-5321 to connect with the coordinator or for any questions. To Gift a Christmas, click on the link: <https://signup.com/go/XzYgnZp>

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](#)

Be well South Lake Tahoe,

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