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Re: Notice of Return to Hybrid; LTUSD Newsletter; and Board Meeting on January 26

Good afternoon LTUSD community,

We have good news to share with you. We are cautiously optimistic about a return to in-person learning in the Phase 2 hybrid structure, in grades TK through 8, on Monday, February 1, 2021. The district has been monitoring the local COVID-19 data and case numbers have been stable or trending down, including decreasing cases among our staff, over the last several days. As long as our community continues to stay on this course, we anticipate a safe and healthy return to the classroom on February 1. Masks will continue to be required, as well as social distancing, smiles, elbow-bumps, conversation, laughter, and learning.

As we prepare to welcome students back we will send information on school schedules, transportation, and meal service, so please check your email regularly. Please also be aware that if there is a dramatic rise in cases, or a sudden outbreak among our staff, the February 1 target could be delayed. Again, we remain optimistic and hopeful that the numbers stay stable and that we can move forward as a community, in support of our children.

Unfortunately we are still unable to foresee an opening date for the high school. By the current order of the State, our county must move into the "Red Tier" and remain there for two weeks prior to opening the campus to in-person learning. The moment we are in the red, the countdown will begin!

A Regular Board of Education meeting is scheduled for 6:00 pm Tuesday, January 26, 2021 (with Closed Session at 5:00pm) [Here is a link to the full agenda.](#) (Click on 1/26/21 in the right column.) The summary agenda is attached. The meeting will be conducted virtually by all participants. **Please see the *Communications from the Public* section of the agenda for public comment instructions. [Participants and observers may view the meeting via this Zoom link.](#) We hope you can join us.**

IN THE SCHOOLS

Meal Delivery Schedule during Distance Learning 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.](#)

BREAD & BROTH weekly food bags are delivered by bus on Wednesdays, distributed with the LTUSD meals. They are also available at the three school sites during meal service on Wednesdays at STMS, Bijou and Tahoe Valley.

Congratulations to Drew Pilkinton, Senior at South Tahoe High School, whose [photograph was selected](#) to be included in The 2020 Drexel University High School Photography Contest Exhibition. This year the whole exhibition is online at www.drexelphotocontest.com. Drexel University stated, "There were many excellent entries and you should be congratulated on having your work chosen as part of the online show...along with the fantastic work of your peers from all across the country." Way to go Drew!

TWBI at Bijou Community School accepting Commitment Forms for Kindergarten. Would you like your child to be able to read, write, speak, and think fluently in English and Spanish? (*and receive the same curriculum as all other students?*) The Two Way Bilingual Immersion Program at Bijou Community School makes it happen! If you have a child entering kindergarten in 2021-2022 and would like them to learn two languages, please call (530) 543-2337 or visit our website at bijou.ltusd.org for more information. Please fill out and turn in or email a [Commitment Form to mubias@ltusd.org](#) before **March 19th** for the lottery on **March 25th**.

¿Le gustaría que su hijo(a) hable, escriba, lea, y piense en Inglés y Español? (y reciba el currículo académico idéntico a la educación regular) **¡El Programa de inmersión bilingüe en la Escuela Comunitaria Bijou lo hace realidad!** Si usted tiene un hijo(a) que va a entrar al kinder para el año escolar 2021-2022 y le gustaría que aprenda dos idiomas, por favor llame a la Escuela Comunitaria Bijou al (530) 543-2337 o visite la pagina web bijou.ltusd.org para mas informacion. Por favor llene y entregue o regrese por correo electrónico a mubias@ltusd.org una [Forma de Compromiso](#) antes del 19 de marzo para inscribir a su niño(a) en la rifa que se llevará a cabo el 25 de marzo.

The Lake Tahoe Environmental Science Magnet School accepting names for the Fall '21 roster of Kindergarteners. If you have a child that will be turning 5 on or before Sept 1st, 2021, please email the "Kindergarten Enrollment Request Form" found on our school website (<http://ltesms.ltusd.org/>) to mtruszewski@ltusd.org between Jan 4 and March 26. The lottery is held on or around April 1st. (If your child turns 5 after Sept 1, you may enroll in the Transitional Kinder program at Tahoe

Valley School, but not at the LTESMS).

[Suicide Prevention 101 for Parents Jan. 27 at 5:00 PM](#):: Recognizing Signs and What to Do. This webinar will provide suicide prevention information for parents, including: Recognizing warning signs for suicide; How to have a conversation with your teen about your concerns; Actions to take if your teen is having suicidal thoughts; Tips and resources to support emotional and mental health during COVID-19; Information about raising resilient teens. The webinar is provided in partnership by the California Department of Education, the Directing Change Program, and Teen Line. [Register Here](#).

NOTICE FROM LTUSD:

The 2020-2021 School Accountability Report Cards (SARC) for our district schools will be available through the school website, district website, and print copy upon request on February 1, 2021. The purpose of the report card is to provide parents and the community with important information about each public school. A SARC can be an effective way for a school to report on its progress in achieving goals. The public may also use a SARC to evaluate and compare schools on a variety of indicators. The SARC contains data on the following: demographics, school safety and climate, academic, completion rates, class sizes, teacher and staff information, curriculum and instruction, postsecondary preparation information and fiscal and expenditure.

IN THE COMMUNITY

[Updated Food Assistance Resources List in English & Spanish](#) - This list contains local resources, addresses, and schedules for free food pick ups and delivery sites. Please share with anyone you know that is in need.

[Foster and Kinship Care Education Program](#) offers training and support for parents and families. They also offer Resource Family Approval (RFA) Trainings for prospective foster and kinship providers. All trainings are virtual and open to all; several trainings are available in Spanish. **The Winter Quarter 2021 schedule is attached below.**

[Kiwanis of Tahoe Sierra helping children in South Lake Tahoe](#) – South Tahoe Now - The Kiwanis Club of Tahoe Sierra has been busy this winter with helping the children of South Lake Tahoe. Club members started the season by providing snow pants and boots to children in the Tahoe Head Start program, knowing that every child deserves the opportunity to keep warm as they play in the snow. The club would like to thank Cheryl the K-Mart store manager for her support of the project.

[Inconsistent vaccine supply, lack of state coordination complicate vaccinating school staff](#) – EdSource - El Dorado, a county east of Sacramento, with a total population of 193,000 people and 3,500 school employees, is further ahead than many in the state. School staff in the county began receiving their first doses of the vaccine last week. While it will likely take until mid-February to vaccinate all school employees who want it, county Superintendent of Schools Ed Manansala is optimistic. “The sense

of hope and promise in El Dorado County, it shifted this week,” he said. “When you start seeing people having access to vaccinations within our sector — the education sector — this is good news.”

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.**

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 resource referrals and 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.**

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 relación abusiva. Una conversación, El podcast donde creemos que una conversación puede cambiar una vida. Escucha aquí: <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/>

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](#)

Have a toasty weekend,

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