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Re: Board of Education Meeting June 8 and District Newsletter

Hello LTUSD friends and families,

Congratulations on making it through this very challenging school year. The District recognizes everyone's extreme efforts to adapt to constant changes in schedules, safety guidelines, and learning delivery modes, throughout the year. Thank you for your patience and resilience, and above all, your commitment to your kids. More than any other time in history, the parent and school partnership was essential to supporting our children and being responsive to their physical, social, and emotional needs. Thank you.

Now, while y'all are celebrating the end of this crazy school year, District staff and teachers are already planning for the next. It is our intention to open school for all students for the full school day and school week next year. We are eagerly awaiting updated guidance from CDC/CDPH on masking and distancing, which is expected in the next few weeks.

Additionally, the District is in the process of planning for an academic Jump Start to the school year for grades 1-5, 6 and 9, and enrichment Jump Start camps for all grade levels in the areas of PE, Art, STEM, Theater, and Music. Camps will provide the hands-on learning experiences and other electives that were missed out on this year. Families will receive more information about these opportunities directly from their school sites in the near future, so please be on the lookout.

Well, would you look at that! Three paragraphs and not one mention of the "C" word - a good sign that we are moving in the right direction. Stay healthy, be happy, get outside, and enjoy this beautiful Tahoe summer!

A Regular Board of Education meeting is scheduled for 6:00 pm Tuesday, June 22, 2021 (with Closed Session at 5:00pm) [Here is a link to the full agenda.](#) (Click on 6/22/21 in the right column.) The summary agenda is attached. The Boardroom is now able to accommodate up to 20 observers. Should we reach maximum capacity, attendees will be asked to participate either [via this YouTube link](#) or, if you are making any public comments, [via this Zoom link](#). Please see the *Communications from the*

Public section of the agenda for public comment instructions. Please also note that beginning July 20, 2021, public comment at Board meetings will be accepted in-person or in writing *only*. All participation by Zoom will be discontinued, however, online observation of meetings will continue via YouTube.

Congratulations to Cedona Martorana, Student Representative to the Board of Education - well done Cedona! Good luck at the University of Arizona!



Visit with the Superintendent, scheduled for the first Monday of each month, will not take place in July but will pick back up in August. The next opportunity to visit with Dr. Todd Cutler will be Monday, August 2 from 5:30 - 6:30PM in the Boardroom at the District Office, 1021 Al Tahoe Blvd. This is an opportunity for students, families, and community members to get to know Todd Cutler in an informal setting, receive updates on District happenings, engage in conversation, and ask questions. We hope you will calendar this regular event and join us whenever possible.

Farewell LTUSD retirees! Cheers to an endless summer and thank you for the many years of service and dedication to the children of South Lake Tahoe.



LTUSD says goodbye to 29 certified and classified staff members with over 700 combined years of service (South Tahoe Now) Twenty-nine employees with the Lake Tahoe Unified School District (LTUSD) will be retiring this year, taking with them over 700 years of combined service in education. On Monday afternoon, LTUSD held a party for the group in the South Tahoe Middle School MPR and the Lake Tahoe Educational Foundation will be visiting the retirees individually to express gratitude for their many years of service to the children and families of our community. [Read more...](#)

LTUSD is HIRING! Dean of Students, Speech Language Pathologist, CTE/Sports Medicine/Exercise Science Teacher, TWBI Teachers, Instructional Assistants, Workability Assistant, Custodians, Bus Drivers (will train), Cafeteria Supervisor,

Seasonal Grounds Worker, Coaches, Substitutes and more! [Link to employment opportunities...](#)

Lake Tahoe Unified School District bus driver retires after 35 years of safely transporting kids (South Tahoe Now) This Friday, June 18, will be Gale Lawrence's last day of driving a big yellow school bus through the streets of South Lake Tahoe. For 35 years (33 as a full-time driver, 2 as a substitute), Gale has safely delivered students in the Lake Tahoe Unified School District (LTUSD) between home and school. [Read more about Gale Lawrence...](#)

South Tahoe High graduate Zoe Brosch commits to San Diego State (South Tahoe Now) After graduating from South Tahoe High on Friday, Zoe Brosch is now making plans to head to San Diego State University where she will be part of their track and field team. Zoe will be participating in throwing events - hammer, shot put, and discus. [Read more...](#)

VIRTUAL CALM ROOM: Lake Tahoe Unified School District wants to encourage students, families, and staff to engage in practices that promote emotional well-being, self care, and help-seeking behaviors. Mental Health specialist, Linda Bingham, along with the support of Special Services Coordinator, Megan Steeves, created a [Virtual Calming Room](#). This is a place for students, families and staff to find tools and strategies for managing feelings and building resilience. There are also links for national, community, and school-based support and resources. Enjoy!

BREAD & BROTH 4 KIDS summer program begins June 23 and will continue every Wednesday through August 25. Food will be distributed at St. Theresa's Catholic Church Grace Hall at 1041 Lyons Avenue from 10:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Any child up to the age of 18 can come alone or with a parent or legal guardian to pick up a bag of free, nutritious food. **See attached flyer for more information.**

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. June's Harvest of the Month is Green Beans! Here is a [link to this month's newsletter](#) - enjoy!

IN THE COMMUNITY

STEM CAMPS offered by LTCC: Join us this summer for in-person TAHOE STEM summer camps for kids! **See attached flyer for more information...**

Youth Theatre Workshop Pre-registration closes July 8; Workshop begins July 19.

Everyone will be cast in this exciting summer children's musical production. Don't miss the opportunity to have your child be part of Sierra Tahoe Children's Theatre program under the direction of Nannette Niven and Marcia Sarosik. The children will work on acting, singing, dancing, auditioning and theater skills. **See attached flyer for more information...**

Adolescents and Mental Health: Parent Safety Checklist: With school ending soon and the possibility that teens may be home alone more often this summer, we hope that the attached articles will help educate and build awareness. **English & Spanish articles attached...**

FREE Sports Physicals at Barton Urgent Care in July. All incoming middle school athletes, and high school freshmen and junior athletes, are required to get a physical before they are accepted to school sports programs. **See attached flyer for more information.**

Link to the California State Library: Without summer camps, summer school, and other locally organized events, it is up to us to keep our children's brains active this summer. The California State Library has fantastic resources for students K-12, all available with a library card and the click of a mouse. Follow the link below for great resources for our students. <https://www.library.ca.gov/k12-covid-19/> .

Summer Reading Challenge! June 1-August 31 Read and earn prizes all summer! All reading counts. Too young to read? Have someone read to you. Log your reading online at eldoradolibrary.beanstack.org . **See attached flyer from South Lake Tahoe Library.**

June 27 OMG Fun Run on Old Meyers Grade - The annual Fun Run is fantastic family event sponsored by the Meyers Community Foundation. Music, costumes, prizes, fun! Register in advance via their website: meyerscommunityfoundation.org . \$15 for adults and \$5 for kids 12&under. **See attached flyer for more information...**

Lift Literature Summer Reading Challenge - July 1 - August 15 for children ages 2-18. Read 300 minutes to earn prizes! **See attached flyer for more information...**

Summer Support Hours for STMS & STHS Students: Live Violence Free is offering crisis counseling for any STMS & STHS Student. Availability by appointment only. **See attached flyer for more information...**

Summer Crisis Intervention Training: CIT is an 80-hour training that breaks down to a 65.5 hour state-certified training in domestic violence, sexual assault, and child abuse. By completing this program, you will gain the valuable training and experience needed to provide supportive peer counseling and advocacy. **See attached flyer for more information...**

Back to School Vaccination Clinic July 24 - Barton Community Health Center will offer back to school vaccinations for all children 17 and younger who are established patients with a Barton primary care provider. **See attached flyer for more information...**

Barton Health Hosts Weekend Grief Camp for Local Children - Local children are invited to participate in the annual Camp Sunrise. Camp Sunrise is a children's bereavement camp, serving children ages 7 to 14, who have experienced the death of a loved one. The overnight grief camp takes place Friday to Sunday, August 13 to 15, at Galilee Camp and Retreat Center in Glenbrook, Nevada. **See attached press release for more information.**

Emergency Broadband Benefit: This morning, the FCC [announced](#) that eligible households will be able to apply for the [Emergency Broadband Benefit](#). Income eligible and households with at least one child in the free school lunch program can apply.

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.

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 **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**.

Links to your school sites and [more 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](#)

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[DISTRICT NEWSLETTERS](#)

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

Happy weekend,

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