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## Re: Board of Education Meeting July 20 and District Newsletter

Hello LTUSD friends and families,

Happy July! We hope everyone is enjoying the sun, the shade, the water, the trails, a good book, and most of all, time with family and friends! What a lovely first month of summer break!

**Parent Square Communications** The district is excited to announce that we have moved to a new school-to-home communications platform called ParentSquare. The former system, Aeries SignalKit, merged with ParentSquare and the district has had to transition accordingly. If you have not already done so, **please click on the link to activate your account, change your settings, allow texts, and download the app.**

**The First Day of School is Monday, August 30:** Yes, in six weeks school will be back in session. School site offices will be staffed beginning August 2, 2021. Please be assured that the district is carefully monitoring the constant changes in public health guidelines for schools. It does not appear that California has landed on any concrete guidance as of now, however, the latest from CDPH is that physical distancing in the classroom is now unrestricted and masks continue to be mandated while indoors. As we get closer to the new school year, we will continue to keep you informed.

**Free K-12 Summer Enrichment Camps:** LTUSD is excited to offer free Summer Enrichment Camps for grades K-12! The camps will run from **9:00am to 12:00pm Monday-Friday August 9th thru August 13th at South Tahoe Middle School.** If you are interested, you must fill out [one sign-up form per student linked here](#). Transportation and food will be provided. Here is the [schedule for bus routes](#). **Some, but not all, of the camp offerings are described in the attached flyers. Please enter your student's name and grade in the sign-up form to view all of the offerings.**

**Academic Jump Start to the school year for incoming grades 1 through 5, 6 and 9** will be held from August 16-20 from 9:00am - 12:00pm. This program will prepare

students for the upcoming school year with a focus on early instruction, study skills, time management, expectations, campus orientation, socialization, and generally gaining confidence and comfort with their new school, new grade level, peers and school staff. More information on enrolling in Jump Start is coming soon!

**[Kid Zone Early Bird Childcare](#)** Program for Grades TK-5 will be offered at all elementary schools in the next school year. Kid Zone incorporates exciting, activity-based experiences in all subjects as well as games and physical activities.

**A Regular Board of Education meeting is scheduled for 6:00 pm Tuesday, July 20, 2021 (with Closed Session at 5:00pm) [Here is a link to the full agenda.](#) (Click on 7/20/21 in the right column.) The summary agenda is attached.** The Boardroom is now able to accommodate up to 25 observers. Should we reach maximum capacity, attendees will be asked to observe the meeting [via this YouTube link](#). **Please note that all public comment at Board meetings is now being accepted in-person or in writing only. Please see the instructions on the agenda. All participation by Zoom will be discontinued while online observation of meetings will continue via [YouTube](#).**

**Visit with the Superintendent**, scheduled for the first Monday of each month, will resume on 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 Dr. 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.

**[LTUSD is HIRING!](#)** Dean of Students, Speech Language Pathologists, TWBI Teacher, English Teacher, Instructional Assistants, Library Assistant, Workability Assistant, Custodians, Bus Drivers (will train), Cafeteria Supervisor, Warehouse Assistant, Maintenance Grounds Worker, Avid Tutor, Coaches, Substitutes and more! [Link to employment opportunities...](#)

**[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. The [Virtual Calming Room](#) is a place 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.**

## IN THE COMMUNITY

**LAKE TAHOE YOUTH VOLLEYBALL registration open through 7/23.** Program starts Tuesday, July 27, 2020 for ages 7-15, co-ed. The traditional 8 week program is condensed into two weeks - Early registration through 7/23/21 is \$125.00. **See attached flyer for more information...**

**BLOOD DRIVE IN SOUTH LAKE TAHOE Friday, July 23** from 12:00 - 5:00pm at SLT Parks & Rec Gym, 1180 Rufus Allen Blvd. Please make an appointment by calling Vitalant at (866) 822-5663 or go to donors.vitalant.org and enter Blood Drive code SMFM062. Walk-ins will be accommodated if space permits. Bring a photo I.D., eat well, and drink plenty of water prior to donation. "Because of you, life doesn't stop."

**Major League Baseball Alumni Association** hosts the Legends for Youth Clinic in South Lake Tahoe on **Friday, July 30, 2021** from 10am - 1pm at South Lake Tahoe Babe Ruth Field - Boys and Girls Baseball and Softball Players are invited to participate in the FREE Legends for Youth Clinic presented by the Major League Baseball Players Alumni Association! **Register here...**

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

**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 freshman 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](http://eldoradolibrary.beanstack.org) . **See attached flyer from South Lake Tahoe Library.**

**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...**

**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/](http://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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**COVID-19 FLYERS, SELF-SCREENING FORMS, HANDOUTS**

On with summer...

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