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Re: Board of Education Meeting August 10 and District Newsletter

Hello LTUSD friends and families,

August is here - let the countdown begin! We are so excited to welcome students and staff back to school in-person, full-time, on Monday, August 30. We've been very busy preparing for the new school year, working to implement innovative educational programs, career exploration experiences for all grades, and optimal learning modalities, all with a focus on discovering talents and nourishing young minds and bodies. The school sites are already buzzing with rejuvenation and excitement for the start of the year. The future is looking bright!

On another reality, while we continue to monitor CDPH guidance for schools, as well as local COVID data, it does not appear that rules will become less stringent as we get closer to the start of the year. At this time masks are mandated for staff and students while indoors (including busses). And as well, the District will continue its intensive cleaning and disinfecting routines as well as maintenance of the robust air filtration systems at all school sites. With the [surge of local COVID-19 cases](#), the District remains steadfast in our efforts to slow the spread of the virus in our community.

[Attention all Parents: Assembly Bill 104 Grade Change, Retention, Exemptions information for the 2020/21 School Year can be found on the District website.](#)

AB104, passed in July 2021, allows parents/guardians and adult students to request that high school (9-12) grades earned during the 2020-21 school year be changed from a letter grade to Pass or No Pass. Other allowances for grades K-12, including retention and exemptions are included in AB104. To request a grade change, retention, or other allowable exemptions under Assembly Bill 104, [click here for forms and information](#).

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 you received in this email to activate your account, change your settings, allow texts, and download the app.**

[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, August 10, 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. Please also note that masks will be required by all individuals attending the Board meeting in person per updated masking guidance from CDPH, effective August 2.**

[LTUSD is HIRING!](#) Teachers, Speech Language Pathologists, CTE Specialists, English Teacher, Instructional Assistants, Custodians, Bus Drivers (will train), Cafeteria Supervisor, Substitute Teachers, Avid Tutor, Nordic and Football Coaches, and more! [Link to employment opportunities...](#)

EL DORADO SMILES DENTAL VAN CALENDAR is now available! Eligible students can receive free dental care and follow up care at their school sites. Please see the **attached calendar** and look for more information coming from your school site.

[STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE](#) - Parents or guardians can enroll in Student Insurance through LTUSD's affiliate provider, Special Markets Insurance Consultants, Inc. Available plans include School Time Accident Only; 24-Hour Accident Only; Interscholastic Sports; and 24-hour Dental. **Please see attached flyer for more information.**

[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

BACK TO SCHOOL VACCINE CLINIC FOR ALL SCHOOL IMMUNIZATIONS! The Public Health Department, 1360 Johnson Blvd., Ste. 103, will take drop-ins on Aug. 24, 27, and 30, for all students in need of immunizations for returning to school. Immunizations are free for those using Medi-Cal. Please bring your shot record! Please wear a mask and practice physical distancing. **See the attached flyer for dates and times...**

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED. CETUSA is seeking host families for high school exchange students. Please consider opening your heart and home. Not only is it an amazing experience, but you will gain a forever son or daughter. We have several students

waiting for a volunteer host family. Committing to host one of them doesn't take much and it's an easy process. Can't host? Refer someone that can. Help CETUSA Grow! See attached flyer for more information. CETUSA.org or 888-238-8721. **See attached flyer for more information...**

NON-PROFIT MARKET MIXER August 26, 2021, hosted by Tahoe Women's Community Fund. **Please 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.**

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...**

GET VACCINATED - COVID-19 Vaccines are available for everyone 12 years of age and older. Vaccines are free regardless of your health insurance status. All currently authorized and recommended COVID-19 vaccines are safe, effective, and proven to reduce your risk of severe illness. Contact El Dorado County Public Health at (530) 295-4101 or go to www.myturn.ca.gov to schedule your vaccine appointment.

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](#)

[DISTRICT CALENDARS](#)

[DISTRICT NEWSLETTERS](#)

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

One last thing! LTUSD will be re-instating the Citizen Oversight Committee (COC) for Measure G to actively review and report on the proper expenditure of taxpayers' money for the remaining funds as is required in Education Code 15278. The purpose of the COC is to inform the public concerning the expenditure of bond revenues. The COC holds public meetings and advises the public as to whether the district is in compliance with all of the statutory requirements of the bond and school construction projects. The Citizens' Oversight Committee shall consist of at least seven members who shall serve for a minimum term of two years without compensation and for no more than three consecutive terms. In accordance with Education Code 15278, LTUSD is looking for the following members to compile the COC:

- One member shall be active in a business organization representing the business community located within the school district boundaries.
- One member shall be active in a senior citizens' organization.
- One member shall be active in a bona fide taxpayers' organization.

- One member shall be the parent or guardian of a child enrolled in the school district.
- One member shall be both a parent or guardian of a child enrolled in the school district and active in a parent-teacher organization.
- An employee or official of the school district shall not be appointed to the citizens' oversight committee.
- A vendor, contractor, or consultant of the school district shall not be appointed to the citizens' oversight committee.

If you are interested please notify Barbara Coolbaugh at bcoolbaugh@ltusd.org By Friday, August 20th.

Resuming summer...

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