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Re: Board of Education Meeting August 24 and District Newsletter

Hello LTUSD friends and families,

As we near the first day of school on Monday, August 30, 2021, the District will continue to send important information about the new school year, so please be on the lookout, and let's make the kickoff to this year an exciting and positive experience for our kids! Even if it might not feel completely normal, getting back to in-person learning and all of the possibilities that brings, is something we celebrate with you!

On the subject of hope, we would be remiss to not mention our neighbors on the West Slope and the courageous firefighters and emergency personnel working on the [Caldor Fire](#) - you are in our thoughts and prayers. Thank you for your sacrifice and service. EDCOE created a web page with information and resources for anyone in need, so please share: <https://edcoe.org/spotlight/caldor-fire-resources-1629247932>

BACK TO SCHOOL

Please read thoroughly to learn all the back to school information you will need for a smooth start to the school year! Be sure to read all updates from your school site as well to learn more details about your specific school.

The AERIES PARENT PORTAL is now open. ALL NEW AND RETURNING STUDENTS MUST review the Parent Annual Notifications and update their emergency contact information online through the [Aeries Parent Portal](#) . Please follow the instructions carefully for information regarding the [Education Benefit form](#) and [Chromebook Insurance](#).

EDUCATION BENEFIT FORM: Every student who is under a certain income, learning English, or in foster care generates 20% more funding for our schools. In LTUSD these dollars are given to each school to increase or improve services for these students. Completing the Education Benefit Form ensures your school receives all available funds. Please [fill out the form here](#) - it only takes a few minutes and **everyone that fills out the application, whether you qualify or not, automatically receives 50% off**

their [Chromebook insurance](#)! Be sure to write or print your confirmation number to submit with your Chromebook insurance document.

MEAL SERVICES AND [BUS TRANSPORTATION](#) will continue to be **FREE** for all schools during the 21/22 school year, however the District asks that you please complete the Education Benefit Form so that schools can continue to receive supplemental funding as described above. Here is a link to the [Bus Schedules](#).

NEW EARLY-OUT WEDNESDAYS DISTRICT-WIDE FOR COLLABORATION: Please note that Wednesdays will be minimum days at every school site throughout the year to provide ongoing student-centered professional development for faculty. Here is a [copy of the updated 21/22 Academic Year Calendar \(Calendar in Spanish\)](#) showing Early-out Wednesdays, also on the district and school websites.


SCHOOL DAY SCHEDULES for all schools can be found [here](#). Bell schedules will be posted on your school's website soon.

Parent Square Communications For more information or if you would like to check your communication settings to ensure you are receiving texts, calls, and emails, please click on [this link](#) for parents. You can confirm your account using a web browser or through the mobile phone app called "Parent Square."


KIDS' ZONE before school program will be offered this year. Please inquire at your elementary school for forms, fees, and other program information.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

A Regular Board of Education meeting is scheduled for 6:00 pm Tuesday, August 24, 2021 (with Closed Session at 5:00pm) [Here is a link to the full agenda.](#) (Click on 8/24/21 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 pursuant to California Department of Public Health, masks are required by all individuals attending the School Board meeting in person. If you attend the meeting and plan to not wear a mask, we invite you to view the meeting via YouTube. If you are planning to attend and give public comment, and plan to not wear a mask, please send your comment in writing to info@ltusd.org before 4pm on the meeting date and your comment will be read aloud.**



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WHEN
8/25 5-9pm

WHO
100% of profits donated to LTEF!

WHAT
Live music from Bob Lopez (LTUSD grad)

Come say hi to LTEF's special guest,
the LTUSD Superintendent, Dr. Todd Cutler!



LTUSD is HIRING! Teachers, Speech Language Pathologists, Instructional Assistants, Custodians, Bus Drivers (will train), Cafeteria Assistant, Senior Attendance Assistant, Substitute Teachers, Avid Tutor, Nordic and Girls' Basketball 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.

IN THE COMMUNITY

BACK TO SCHOOL VACCINE CLINIC FOR ALL SCHOOL IMMUNIZATIONS! The Public Health Department, 1360 Johnson Blvd., Ste. 103, is **scheduling appointments for 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...**

17th ANNUAL "DAY IN PARADISE" on August 28 at Tahoe Paradise Park in Meyers. Sponsored by the Optimist Club - Duck races, kids' games, food, live music, beer garden, auction - a great day for a great non-profit!

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 doesn't take much and it's an easy process. 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.**

Mobile Consulate of Mexico in South Lake Tahoe Sept. 25 at Bijou Community School from 8:30am - 2:00pm by Appointment only - (877) 639-4835. Assistance with passport, consular registration, voting registration.

FATHER GRACE MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT benefiting the youth of St. Theresa Parish. We are seeking your support for the 2021 Father Grace Memorial Golf Tournament to benefit the youth of Saint Theresa Church. This event will be held on Thursday, September 2, 2021, at the Lake Tahoe Golf Course. **Please see attached information...**

Boys and Girls Club of Lake Tahoe celebrates 30th year – Tahoe Tribune/Mountain Democrat - On Aug. 1, 1991, the Boys and Girls Club of Lake Tahoe was officially recognized as a nonprofit, charitable organization and has been serving the children and families of the community since.

California requires vaccinations or weekly Covid tests for all school staff – EdSource - California on Wednesday became the first state in the nation to require all teachers and other school staff to be fully vaccinated for Covid-19 or be tested weekly, following in the footsteps of several of the state's largest school districts.

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](#)

Stay safe,

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