

August 30, 2021

Re: Urgent Message re: Extended School Closure

Good Afternoon LTUSD Students, Families, and Community

Pursuant to the new Warning and Mandatory Evacuations announced last night and this morning, **the District is postponing the school year start date until Monday, September 13, 2021.** We will continue to monitor the wildfire situation in the basin and provide updates as necessary, but in any event, will provide an update no later than Monday, September 6, as we realize many families have left the area or are planning to leave. This is a serious situation with many variables and the safety of our staff and families is at the forefront of all decision-making. As long as the majority of our district boundary is under any kind of evacuation alert, school operations will be suspended. **Again, it is the intent at this time to start the school year on Monday, September 13 and no earlier, even if conditions improve or change for the positive.**

The District is working in partnership with the El Dorado County Sheriff, City of South Lake Tahoe and City Fire, CalFire, Lake Valley Fire, US Forest Service, EDCOE, Barton Health, and several other cooperating agencies to remain informed and provide support for evacuations and spaces for information dissemination. Below is a list of resources:

Fire Information and Resources:

- El Dorado County Caldor Fire Information: <https://www.edcgov.us/Pages/Caldor-Fire.aspx>
- [El Dorado County Sheriff's Office Evacuation Map](#)
- Inciweb: inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/7801/
- Facebook: www.facebook.com/eldoradonf
- Twitter: twitter.com/EldoradoNF
- Wildfire Cameras: www.alertwildfire.org/tahoe/
- [Wildfire Situational Awareness Dashboard](#)

Much of South Lake Tahoe is under Mandatory Evacuation at this time. Please check the [evacuation map here](#).

Sign up for **El Dorado County CodeRED emergency notification service** which alerts residents by telephone, cell phone, text message, email, and social media when there is a threat to the health or safety of residents. [Click here to sign up.](#)

El Dorado Community Foundation has been working hard on providing monetary and nonmonetary resources for the Caldor Fire evacuees and will be starting a fund soon for South Tahoe evacuees. Please check their website at www.eldoradocf.org.

Stay safe, stay strong,

Todd Cutler, Superintendent