

September 3, 2021

**Re: Checking in...Caldor Fire Resources**

Good afternoon LTUSD community,

Lake Tahoe Unified School District is thinking about each and every one of you at this time. We wonder where you are, what challenges you are facing, and how we can be of help. We hope that the following resources can be utilized for those in need and will continue to provide new information as it becomes available. As we monitor the outlook of South Lake Tahoe's wildfire situation it is our intent to provide a more concrete update to you on Monday, September 6, before end of day. Our deepest thoughts and gratitude are with the responders working tirelessly to protect our precious community, and our prayers go out to each and every responder, our families, and our students.

- 1) Caldor Fire Relief Funds from El Dorado Community Foundation: Please apply now for Caldor Fire Relief Funds. The application deadline is tomorrow, Saturday, September 4 at 5:00 pm. <https://www.cityofslt.us//CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=1805>
- 2) **A tragic event like this can impact us and our kids in many ways. LTUSD partnered with Care Solace to support our community's mental health.** Care Solace can help you quickly find mental health or substance use treatment options matched to your needs regardless of circumstances. Their support is completely confidential and free to LTUSD's students, staff, and their families.

If you would like to use Care Solace to help you find a provider:

- Call 888-515-0595 available 24/7/365 in any language
  - Visit [www.caresolace.com/ltusd](http://www.caresolace.com/ltusd) and either search on your own , OR click "Book Appointment" for assistance by video chat, email, or phone.
- 3) Residents of Sierra Gardens Apartments: The Caldor Fire Is Impacting Our Sierra Garden Tenants And Our Members, Especially Our Low-Income Members. SJCLT Can Provide Emergency Help! Eligible tenants and SJCLT members can receive up to \$500. Payments will be made via PayPal so an email or mobile number will be required. For more information or to apply go to <mailto:contact@saintjosephclt.org> or <mailto:jimmeiers@saintjosephclt.org> . **How You Can Help:** Funds are limited so if you can help us help more impacted households please donate using this link: [Donate Now To Help With Caldor Relief](#) .

4) This is a link to a comprehensive list resources for shelters, food, etc., EDCF has compiled for services on the west and east slope of the sierras (please see the different sheets). Please share this with others in our community so that everyone can get what they need in these trying times. These sheets continue to be updated. Thank you EDCF!

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1U5fhAAbUtGhLuQXK3pBdSI4BcohWymoPVI9OV1NoT7k/edit?usp=sharing>

Here are some headlines from recent news on the fire and schools:

[Officials warn against complacency, ask firefighters to stay engaged on Caldor](#) Fire officials are cautiously optimistic Friday morning and South Tahoe residents can breathe a little easier as the Caldor Fire has been steered through and around communities without losing a single structure so far.

[CA Kids Fire Relief launched to support rural schools devastated by wildfires](#) – Mountain Democrat/Village Life - Wildfires are ravaging California’s rural communities, displacing countless families and affecting dozens of small schools and school districts... “Our school communities throughout the El Dorado County are experiencing intense and extreme challenges,” said El Dorado County Superintendent of Schools Dr. Ed Manansala at the press conference. “This outpouring of coordinated support will provide a sense of care and hope for many.”

[CA Kids Fire Relief](#) – NPR Cap Radio - Listen to Dr. Ed Manansala, El Dorado County Superintendent of Schools (Timecode 20:45), as he speaks to how the Caldor Fire is impacting our schools, students and educators. He is joined by Tim Taylor, President of the Small School Districts Association, who speaks to a statewide support effort called the ‘CA Kids Fire Relief’ program. You can help El Dorado County directly by donating here >> [https://edcf.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/create?funit\\_id=1858](https://edcf.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/create?funit_id=1858)

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[State Superintendent Tony Thurmond to Meet with Students, Families, and Education Leaders Affected by Caldor Fire](#) – CDE Press Release/South Tahoe Now - Tony Thurmond, California State Superintendent of Public Instruction, will join El Dorado County Superintendent of Schools Dr. Ed Manansala on Wednesday at the Calder Fire. They will be there to gain a first-hand perspective of how the fire is impacting schools in the area and to offer support to displaced residents, as provided by the California Department of Education Foundation’s (CDEF) Emergency Response Fund.

In closing, no matter your circumstances, please know that the staff at the School District are thinking about you and wishing you safety, shelter, warmth, family, good health, and a speedy return to our homes.

With a full heart,

Shannon Chandler, PIO, LTUSD