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Re: Board of Education Meeting November 18 and District Newsletter

Hello LTUSD friends and families,

Welcome back after a long weekend! The District would like to thank you for your accommodation of Friday's Professional Development Day as staff participated in valuable and relevant learning and collaboration for the benefit of our students.

Congratulations to LTUSD for being awarded the Green California Schools Summit Leadership Award! On November 4, 2021, Trustee Bonnie Turnbull traveled to Pasadena to accept the award on the District's behalf and speak about the many accomplishments the district has made toward its sustainability goals and ultimately becoming a zero net energy school district. Here is the [link to the published award narrative](#) (scroll down a bit).

A HUGE THANK YOU TO SIERRA-AT-TAHOE! In its 21st year, the Straight-A Ski Pass Program continues to motivate and inspire! Originated in 1999 by General Manager, John Rice, the program rewards students for striving for excellence every day, all year long! This fall 369 students will receive a Complimentary Season Pass with Unrestricted Access for their straight-A success. In the wake of their own enormous challenges resulting from the Caldor Fire, Sierra-at-Tahoe and Mr. John Rice continue to demonstrate unwavering love and support for the community of South Lake Tahoe and their commitment to education. Well...the feelings are mutual, and LTUSD appreciates all they do for kids!

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING:

The next Regular Board of Education meeting is scheduled for 6:00 pm Thursday, November 18 (with Closed Session at 5:00pm) Here is a link to the full agenda. (Click on 11/18/21 in the right column.) The summary agenda is attached. The Boardroom is now able to accommodate up to 25 observers and masks are required for all attendees. The meeting can also be observed [via this YouTube link](#). Public comments may be presented in person or in writing sent to info@ltusd.org before 12:00pm on the meeting date. Written comments will be read into the record - please type "Public Comment" into the subject line of the email.

Notice of Public Hearing on Trustee Boundary Realignment: A public hearing will be held at the Lake Tahoe Unified School District Boardroom on November 18, 2021 at 6:00 PM regarding the 2020 Census requirement to review the information on the

population of trustee areas within the LTUSD as required by Education Code 5019.5.
Read more...

IN THE SCHOOLS

LTUSD is HIRING! Like many school districts across the state, LTUSD is experiencing staff shortages, especially with substitute teachers. If you or someone you know is seeking employment for full-time, part-time, or on-call work, please apply now! Openings include Infant and Preschool Teacher, Special Education Teacher in TBS, Speech Language Pathologists, Substitute Teachers, Instructional Assistants, Bus Drivers, Custodians, Cafeteria Assistants, Baseball and Softball Coaches, and various substitute positions. Please see this [Link to employment opportunities...](#)

Thank you Kiwanis and EDCOE for your coat drive this year - hundreds of students received new coats! Thank you also community members and some very Generous Mystery Person(s) for your donations of dozens of the needed snow clothes items requested by the district two weeks ago. The items were above and beyond and all needs have been filled! Thank you all for making winter and snow play warm and fun for the kids this year!

Check out LTUSD's new English Learner Services pages on the District Website! You can also translate the District website to Spanish by clicking on the yellow arrow in the top right corner on the home page.

SOUTH TAHOE GRAD NIGHT is looking for volunteers to bring back this awesome event at Heavenly's Cal Base Lodge on Graduation Day...JUNE 17th! This Safe and Sober Event is sponsored by STHS Grad Night Task Force. This is an amazing group of parents that work together to pull off this special event for our graduating seniors. There is a job for everyone and it's a great opportunity for underclassmen parents to see what this fun filled event is all about. The possibilities to help out are endless so please don't hesitate to reach out. Please contact: Cary Brown , 530/318-6865
sthsgradnight@gmail.com

LTCC's MATH TUTORING CLUB is back! Math tutoring for LTUSD students of all grade levels is offered Monday through Thursday 3:30-5:00pm (except during Thanksgiving week) on a drop-in basis, starting Monday October 11th and ending Thursday December 9th. The location of the tutoring will be in its usual location of past years - in the mezzanine area between the first and second floors of the main building of the college. This has been a very successful program for LTUSD students and we are very grateful for its return!

COVID TESTING for staff and students (only) is being provided by CDPH at AI Tahoe school in the Elevated Portable - P1 every Thursday and Friday from 8:30am - 4:00pm for staff or students who have been exposed to a positive Covid case or are symptomatic. Individuals are required to register only once for all testing for the duration that it is available during this school year. Note that a consent form will be required for minors and is part of the registration. Here are the registration links for Lake Tahoe

Unified - Al Tahoe:

[Staff URL](#)

[Student URL](#)

IN THE COMMUNITY

Covid Testing: Here is a list of available testing sites, both public and private, in our community: <https://www.bartonhealth.org/tahoe/testing-sites.aspx>

And El Dorado County's testing site:

<https://www.edcgov.us/Government/hhsa/Pages/EDCCOVID-19-Get-A-Test.aspx>

Bread and Broth: Bags of groceries (staples, dairy products, fruits, vegetables, breads and desserts) are distributed to individuals and families from **4:00-5:30 p.m. on Mondays and 3:00 - 5:00pm on Fridays** at St. Theresa Catholic Church, Grace Hall at 1041 Lyons Avenue, South Lake Tahoe, CA.

GET VACCINATED - COVID-19 Vaccines are available for everyone 5 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. Ages 5-11 should contact their pediatrician's office and 12 and over can go to www.myturn.ca.gov to schedule an appointment.

[If I Have Antibodies, Should I Still Get the Vaccine? \(Author: Dr. Matthew Wonnacott, Chief Medical Officer\)](#) ...For those of us who have been infected, it's tempting to assume that antibodies caused by the virus will protect us in the future and we can therefore forgo a vaccine. That's understandable, and the science is still

evolving regarding the protection offered by antibodies vs a vaccine. But the most reputable researchers and physicians at leading medical institutions say it's important to consider a few things while contemplating this deeply personal decision. [Read more...](#)

NIXLE Parent Group Texting Network: Want to stay informed on important drug trends, local resources, and helpful information to keep your kids safe? Join the eSouth Tahoe Parent Group Texting Network - Simply text "TASK" to 888777 to Register.

[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**.

THE BEST FOR LAST!

Please enjoy the riveting 2021 LTUSD Veterans Day Concert featuring some amazing young talent! A huge shoutout goes to Mr. Steil, Connor Kuntz, and Ayden Keck for helping with the recording, videoing, and editing! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SRrypZlb-fE>

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](#)

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Have a great November week and a restful happy Thanksgiving break...

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