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## **Re: Back-to-School Information; Board of Education Meeting August 11**

Hello LTUSD friends and families,

Don't worry, this isn't the official "Welcome Back" letter just yet, and I won't ask, "How was your summer?" because there's still plenty of it left, but rest assured that we at the district office and the school sites are back in full swing planning for the upcoming year, and it's going to be fantastic! The first day of school is Monday, August 29, 2022.

In the meantime, we have some exciting updates to share.

First, universal meals and transportation will both be at no cost to families once again this year. School funding and the maintenance of many educational programs, however, will still be reliant upon the district's collection of income data from every family, so please be on the lookout for an income survey coming soon...

Second, the District welcomes Ms. Cindy Martinez in her new leadership role as the principal at South Tahoe Middle School; Ms. Rosie DePierri in her new leadership role as the principal at Bijou Community School; and Mr. Manuel Sanchez in the District Office as an administrator on special assignment supporting LTUSD in various capacities. Please join us in giving them all a warm welcome!

Lastly, here is the updated [22/23 Academic Year Calendar \(Calendar in Spanish\)](#). Please note that Wednesdays are collaboration days at every school site throughout the year and Monday, October 31, 2022 is a Professional Development Day for staff and a non-school day for students. As well, the new [School Schedules](#) and [Transportation Routes](#) are published. Bell schedules for individual school sites will be posted shortly on school websites.

### **MORE BACK TO SCHOOL...**

**KIDS' ZONE** before school program will be offered this year. Please inquire at your

elementary school for forms, fees, and other program information.

**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.

**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!

**SUPER SPIKERS Volleyball Clinic (Sign up Here) and VIKINGS ALUMNI v. VARSITY GAME Friday, August 12!** Clinic for ages 8-13 from 12:00 - 3:30pm instructed by Varsity players and coaches; Game, Silent Auction, Raffle, Snack Shack starting at 4pm in the STHS Blue Gym with \$5 admission. Families of clinic players get into the game free. All proceeds go to Vikings Volleyball! **If you can't make the game, but still want to donate to Vikings Volleyball, you can do so at this secure eteamsponsor website: <https://ets.rocks/3uhFU9E> . See attached flyer...**

**Affordable Connectivity Program (Wi-fi):** Congress created the **Affordable Connectivity Program**, a new long-term, \$14 billion program, to help ensure we can afford the connections we need for work, school, health care and more for a long time.

## **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**The next Regular Board of Education meeting is Thursday, August 11 at 6:00pm (No Closed Session) [Here is a link to the full agenda.](#) (Click on the August 11 Board of Education Meeting title) The summary agenda is attached.** 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](mailto: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.

**2022 School Board Elections:** Two seats are up for election on November 8, 2022 for Trustee Area 2 (Incumbent Brandi Bannister) and Trustee Area 5 (Incumbent Lauri Kemper). The Board uses a voting system of "Elections by Trustee Areas" which means that Board members must live in, and are elected only by the residents of, that area. **[Trustee Area Maps may be viewed here.](#) The filing deadline is August 12.** More information about filing can be found [here](#).

**Public Notice of Hearing regarding proposed adoption of a Developer Fee Study** and the increase of the statutory school fee will be held on September 8, 2022. [Link to Notice.](#)

## IN THE COMMUNITY

### **New documentary captures two local stories of tragedy turned into triumph**

(Tahoe Daily Tribune) Locals Ryan Wallace and Chris Cocores have fought against the odds to live life to its fullest, even when death was staring them in the face. A new movie debuting this week captures their struggles and successes as they continue to inspire the world around them. [Read more...](#)

A green poster for the Scholarship Education Forum. At the top left, the El Dorado Community Foundation logo is displayed, consisting of the text 'El Dorado Community Foundation' and a stylized graphic of three curved lines. To the right of the logo, the text 'invites you to the' is written in a simple font. The main title 'SCHOLARSHIP EDUCATION FORUM' is centered in large, bold, yellow, serif capital letters. Below the title, there is a horizontal line. Underneath the line, the event details are listed in white text: 'West Slope: Wednesday, September 7 from 5:30-7:00pm @ MORE, 399 Placerville Drive, Placerville, CA' and 'East Slope: Thursday, September 8 from 6:00-7:30pm @ Boys & Girls Club of Lake Tahoe, 1100 Lyons Ave, South Lake Tahoe, CA'. A white rectangular box at the bottom of the poster contains the text 'RSVP BY FRIDAY, AUGUST 29TH TO KATHY@ELDORADOCF.ORG' in green, bold, sans-serif capital letters. Below this box, a short paragraph in yellow, italicized text reads: 'Open to all EDC scholarship donors & funders! Free event to learn about the scholarship process and how to reach the student applicants you are seeking. Create and/or improve your scholarships for the 21st century!'.

**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.

**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/](http://www.facebook.com/CommunityHub5/).

**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. Go to <https://myturn.ca.gov/> to schedule an appointment.

**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 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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Carrying on with summer,

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