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Re: Board of Education Meeting January 13 and District Newsletter

Hello LTUSD friends and families,

It has been a very challenging last couple of weeks keeping the doors of our schools open. The Omicron variant is taking a huge toll on our community and schools. Many school districts across the state and country have had to close due to staff shortages, and unfortunately, we are experiencing a similar situation. We are averaging 40-50 teacher and instructional assistant absences in the last two school days with only approximately 23 substitute teachers accepting assignments on a given day. Additionally, our classified staff members, including transportation and food services, are experiencing significant staff shortages.

We are thankful to our staff who are helping to cover other duties to keep schools open, but we are nearing a point where we are unable to cover all duties across all classrooms and departments. While our goal absolutely is to keep schools open, it cannot be at the expense of the safety of our staff and students, and we are nearing a tipping point.

We realize that a short school closure would be very challenging for many families and we will do our best to provide you with as much advance notice as possible, as well as reopen school as soon as possible, should we need to close. Families should begin looking at daycare options at this time.

Should there be a school closure, teachers who are well enough, and to the extent possible, are being asked to provide some level of virtual learning or learning activities, even though the state is not requiring school districts to do so.

We will keep families informed of the imminent school closure as best as possible in the coming days and we thank you for your support and understanding.

BOARD OF EDUCATION:

Lake Tahoe Unified School District celebrates School Board Recognition Month.

LTUSD is proud to join more than 1,000 local educational agencies in the state in recognizing the contributions of board members during School Board Recognition Month in January. In this time of unprecedented challenges in nearly every sector of life, board members have worked tirelessly to support student learning and mental wellness in our district. [Read more...](#)

LTUSD would also like to congratulate and welcome Trustee Bonnie Turnbull as the new President of the Board of Education, and Trustee Valerie Mansfield as the new Clerk, both voted and sworn in on December 16, 2022. Thank you for your service!



The next Regular Board of Education meeting is Thursday, January 13 at 6:00pm (with Closed Session at 5:00pm) [Here is a link to the full agenda.](#) (Click on 1/13/22)

in the right column.) **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 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.

IN THE SCHOOLS

[LTUSD is HIRING!](#) Please see this [Link to employment opportunities...](#)

[Kudos: Thank you Blue Granite Gym for your Support](#) (South Tahoe Now) We would like to thank Blue Granite Gym for supporting our efforts. We work with a small group of boys from South Tahoe Middle School and South Tahoe High School, helping them make good choices both in school and in our community. [Read more...](#)

[Ribbon Cutting for new "Angel of Tahoe" Building for the Boys & Girls Club of Lake Tahoe](#) (South Tahoe Now) It's been years in the making, but the Boys and Girls Club of Lake Tahoe (BGCLT) is preparing to move into a brand new building in South Lake Tahoe. They held a ribbon-cutting ceremony Friday... [Read more...](#)

[Ten students make up South Lake Tahoe's community-based First Tech Challenge Robotics team](#) (South Tahoe Now) The community-based First Tech Challenge Robotics team from South Lake Tahoe has been in Northern Nevada League events and currently rests in fifth in the 15-team league. [Read more...](#)

[ScholarShare 529](#) This month ScholarShare is holding its annual Holiday Offer that can help parents start saving for higher education. Here is [their online toolkit](#) with more materials like social media images and short videos. Please see the attached flyers in English and Spanish.

COVID TESTING for staff and students (only) is being provided by CDPH at AI Tahoe school, 1100 Lyons Ave., in the Elevated Portable - P1 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 - AI Tahoe:** [Staff URL](#)
[Student URL](#)

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AI Tahoe 7:30am - 2:30pm	AI Tahoe 7:30am - 2:30pm	AI Tahoe 9:30am - 2:30pm	AI Tahoe 7:30am - 2:30pm

IN THE COMMUNITY

Father Daughter Sweetheart Dance February 11, 2022 at Harvey's Convention Center from 7:00 - 9:30pm. **See attached flyer for more information.**

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.

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.

NIXLE Prent 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.

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:](#)

Enjoy these morning workout pics from
Strength & Conditioning teacher, Tony Sunzeri - wow!



[South Tahoe High School](#)

[South Tahoe Middle School](#)

[Bijou Community School](#)

[Tahoe Valley Elementary](#)

[Sierra House Elementary](#)

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Hangin' on!

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