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Dear TCUSD Parents/Guardians,

Bi-Weekly Communication (Tuesdays and Thursdays)

This letter is part of our bi-weekly communication in an effort to keep all of our families informed. Please continue to check your email inbox for messages from TCUSD on Tuesdays and Thursdays. As a reminder, any question or concern can be addressed by emailing our helpline at TCUSDhelpdesk@tcusd.net. Please reach out to us, and we will respond within a 24-hour-period or sooner.

Grab-N-Go Lunches (11am -1pm on Monday, Wednesday & Friday)

We will continue to serve two Grab & Go lunches per child on each day for Monday and Wednesday and one lunch on Friday in the TCHS Student Parking Lot on Temple City Blvd. Please drive through and remain in your car. Any students who need to walk to the lunch service will be given special directions for picking up lunch. If a parent can show the student's school ID card, we will serve the lunch to the adult on behalf of the student in case the student cannot be present. No ID card is necessary if the child is present. Please keep in mind that on Monday, May 25, 2020, we will not be serving lunch in observance of the Memorial Day holiday. Lunch service will resume on Wednesday, May 27, 2020.

End of Year Student Check-Out (Oak & TCHS)

Last week we shared with you the Elementary School Student Check-Out Plans. Today, we have also linked the TCHS Student Check-Out Plan and the Oak Intermediate Student Check-Out Plan. These campuses will also send out more detailed communication as we move closer to the check-out process. Please remember that all TCUSD computer devices need to be returned to the student's school site even if it was checked-out by the District Office. Information about yearbook distribution for Oak and TCHS will be announced at a later date. Additionally, cap and gown distribution for TCHS students will occur in the second week of June. More information to follow next week.

Care Solace – A Resource for Mental Wellness

I am happy to share with you our recent partnership with Care Solace in order to offer all of our families a free concierge service to help locate mental health resources and counseling. More information regarding this new partnership has been loaded into our Social Emotional Support Resources in the Resources for Learning Folder. In this folder you will find the Care Solace Launch Packet.

A Resource for Families Receiving Free and Reduced Lunch Benefit

Many families throughout California who receive the Free and Reduced Lunch benefit will automatically receive a P-EBT card by May 22, 2020; however, for the families who do receive this benefit but do not receive the card by this date, an application will be available May 22 through June 30, 2020. More information can be found here.

The Arts Rise above the Pandemic

Please join me in celebrating a few of our TCHS students who amid the pandemic-driven school closure found their stride within their talent. First, two of our TCHS AP Art and Design students, Jacob Gong (12) and Tiffany Tong (12), have been chosen as the top finalists for Congresswoman Judy Chu's Congressional Art Competition! They will be interviewed over the phone about their artwork this week and will attend the virtual awards ceremony on Friday, May 29, 2020. They are Top 7 finalists and will learn their final placement next week. Both students will continue their studies in the field of Art at prestigious art institutions in the fall. Another TCHS senior, Drum Major Mark Christensen (12), earned top honors in his field. Last week via a