



TANQUE VERDE
UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

TVUSD Governing Board

Governing Board Meeting Summary September 7, 2021

September 10, 2021

At the September 7, 2021 Governing Board Meeting, the Board was presented with updates regarding summer construction projects and the groundbreaking celebration held the same day. Action and discussion items included a revision to the Safe Return to In-Person Learning Plan, School Funding and SY2022-23 Calendar Options.

Please continue reading for more detailed information about these topics and more!

Student Board Member Report

Student Board Member, Lilyana Brummitt reported on school events for Emily Gray Jr. High and Tanque Verde High School. Her presentation may be viewed here: [Student Board Report](#)



Superintendent Report

Dr. Scott Hagerman provided the Governing Board with district updates on the completion of summer construction projects at Tanque Verde High School and Agua Caliente Elementary School, as well as new construction projects beginning at Emily Gray Jr. High and Tanque Verde Elementary School.

- The presentation and photos may be viewed [here](#).

A Groundbreaking Ceremony was held at Tanque Verde High School earlier in the day. Members from the community and school leadership were in attendance. Distinguished speakers included Dr. Scott Hagerman, TVUSD Superintendent; Susan Fry, TVUSD Governing Board President; Phil Swaim of Swaim Associates, LTD; Alan Levin of Estimating Plus, LLC; and Nick Loper from the Arizona Department of Administration.

- Please see the [full article](#) on the website for more detailed information.

Revision of Safe Return to In-Person Learning Plan

Dr. Hagerman presented information regarding revisions to the Safe Return to In-Person Learning Plan.

The CDC and Federal Department of Education have updated their requirements related to COVID-19. The new order states: "CDC issued an order requiring wearing masks on all public conveyances, including on school buses. Accordingly, regardless of the mask policy at school, passengers and drivers must wear a mask on school buses, including on buses operated by public and private school systems, regardless of vaccination status, subject to the exclusions and exemptions in CDC's order."

- See U.S. Department of Education, [Ed COVID-19 Handbook](#) (masking practices p9)

The district proposed to adjust the Safe Return to In-Person Learning Plan to be in compliance with new CDC requirements. Citing a change to the legal advice received since the initial plan was published, Dr. Hagerman recommended the addition of the CDC mandated mask-while-on-school-buses requirement. The Governing Board voted in favor of following the CDC requirement and approved a mask mandate on all district buses.

The district proposal as approved:

"Face coverings will not be required when in any educational space except for school buses. The district will follow CDC requirements. Wearing a mask is required on all public conveyances, including on school buses."

- Please see the full presentation [here](#).

The Safe Return to In-Person Learning Plan, Revised 09/07/21 has been updated on the website [here](#).

2022-23 Calendar Options

Dr. Hagerman presented information about the development of the 2022-23 School Year Calendar.

The calendar is influenced by the holidays, and the Arizona Dept. of Education restriction that the Winter Break may not extend more than two weeks. In addition, the question of the placement of grading days and professional learning days for teachers is being considered. The options will be reviewed by the school site councils for their input before it goes to the Governing Board for approval.

- [Option 1](#)
- [Option 2](#)

The full presentation may be reviewed [here](#). The Board will vote on the calendar options at the October 6, 2021 board meeting.

Investing in Student Learning

Dr. Hagerman presented information about funding related to the district, and the process

of how funding determinations are made in the district.

- Assessment of Needs for Gap Funding
- Districts have two years to spend funds.
- Districts must have a plan to increase state scores in math and reading.

TVUSD Need Areas include:

- Curriculum Technology
- 1:1 student devices
- Complete Interactive Screen Implementation
- Indoor and Outdoor Learning Spaces
- Educational Equipment - For example: Art, music, athletics, science.

Next Steps for Ed Plus Up awards (Gap Funding)

- State has extended the deadline until September 24, 2021.
- They have added additional requirements for funding.
- District must have a remediation plan.

The full presentation may be viewed [here](#).

Important Dates & Information

September Events Calendar - [Updated](#)

The September Events have been updated to include the upcoming Site Council Meeting dates at each site.

- TVHS - September 16, 2021
- EGJH - September 21, 2021
- ACES - September 13, 2021
- TVES - September 13, 2021



The Tanque Verde Foundation is hosting the Tinker Verde Nerdy Derby on November 20, 2021 at the Forty Niner Country Club. This family oriented event replaces the Tech Trek and our TVUSD schools will benefit from technology investment.

For more information click on the event logo, or visit:

<https://tanqueverde.org/2021/08/30/2nd-annual-tinker-verde-nerdy-derby/>

The 21-22 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR may be found here:

[TVUSD School Year Calendar 2021-22 K-12th.](#)



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Certified & Classified Substitutes Needed!

This school year is different than anything we've experienced before. We are looking for K-12 substitute classroom teachers and aides to help fill in when there's a need!

To apply, please go to: tanqueverdeschools.org/EmploymentOpportunities.aspx

Substitute Teacher Pay Increase - Help needed!

Tanque Verde Unified School District will be increasing the substitute teacher pay effective September 8, 2021. The new rates will be as follows:

- Regular substitute teachers: \$140.00 per day
- Tanque Verde retirees: \$150.00 per day
- Long-term substitute teachers: \$165.00 per day

If you have a Arizona substitute teaching certificate and would like to join our team, please complete the Substitute Teacher Application at:

<https://www.tanqueverdeschools.org/EmploymentOpportunities.aspx>

If you are interested in how to become a substitute teacher, please contact Keith Wick at (520) 749-5751.

[Keeping Schools Safe and Open](#)



If your child/children exhibit any symptoms of illness, please keep them home and contact the school nurse. If, during the school day, any symptoms of illness appear, your child/children will be separated from the class and you will be called to pick up your child/children within one hour.

It is strongly recommended by the CDC and Pima County Health Department that students and staff wear masks when on campus in K-12 schools, regardless of their vaccination status.

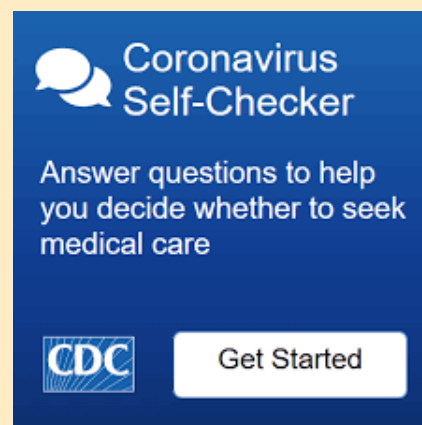
Stay Home When Sick!

All attendance policies have been put on hold for the 2021-22 school year. Please continue to report your child's absences so they receive the support needed.

Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. People with these symptoms may have

COVID-19: [Symptoms of COVID-19](#)
[CDC](#)

Launch the CDC Symptom Self Checker Here:



Quarantine Notifications

Direct notifications are made to families of students who are identified as having been in close contact with an individual diagnosed with a positive case of COVID-19. An initial phone call is made, and a follow up letter from the Pima County Health Department is sent via email to the families of students who are identified as having been in close contact with a positive individual - student or staff member.

Close contact is defined by the CDC and PCHD as: *Within 6 feet for a cumulative 15 minutes or more over a 24 hour period.*

A school-wide notification is then sent via Constant Contact to notify the whole school community that there was a case on the school campus. If you receive a school-wide notification but did not receive an individual notification in advance, then your student was not identified as being in close contact.



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You May Qualify! Free & Reduced Meals and Other Benefits Information

Dear TVUSD Parent/Guardian:

Children need healthy meals to learn. TVUSD will be offering healthy meals to all students at no cost every school day in School Year 2021-2022. Your child(ren) will receive free breakfast and lunch meals every school day regardless of your household income.

You may qualify for additional reduced fees and other resources!

Families are still encouraged to submit a school meal application for free or reduced-price meal benefits because this information may be used for other programs, including:

- Pandemic-Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT),
- Federal and State funding for your school,
- Reduced registration fees for academic tests,
- Discounted rates for internet service, and
- Other community resources

For more detailed information on eligibility, please visit our website at: [TVUSD Food Services](#)

Please help us qualify for more Federal and State funding for students! Our school is participating in programs that your child may benefit from if your child qualifies for free or reduced-price meals. The Free & Reduced Meals Application is the key to unlocking those benefits.

THE APPLICATION MAY NOW BE COMPLETED ONLINE!!

CLICK ON THE MY SCHOOL APPS BUTTON BELOW!

- [Apply Now \(English\)](#)
- [Apply Now \(Spanish\)](#)



Next Governing Board Meeting Date:

The next **Regular Governing Board Meeting** will be held on Wednesday, September 22, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. at the Tanque Verde Elementary School Library. Seating is limited. The meeting will be livestreamed.

- [Board Meeting Agendas and Minutes](#)
- [TVUSD Board Meeting Livestream Link](#)



Board Acknowledgements - September 7, 2021



Student, Staff, and Community Acknowledgements

September 7, 2021

Thank you to the Tanque Verde Foundation ~



- ❖ A HUGE THANK YOU to TVF for the incredibly generous Principal's Grant you provided TVES last spring! We are incredibly excited about providing kids with the opportunity to explore music independently and collaboratively, all while enjoying the outdoors!

Mrs. Batty and Dr. Laird



Outdoor musical instruments



This was inadvertently left off the 8/25 Acknowledgments.

Thank you to the following staff members for their contributions ~

- ❖ ACES Kinder & 2nd Grade Teachers - For their flexibility in starting the year with their classes in random locations.
- ❖ Kyle Kirchmeier - For taking the lead in the Maintenance Department during the supervisor's leave.
- ❖ The Transportation Department Team ~ Bus Drivers, Mechanics and Managers - For their extra efforts to transport our students safely to school and activities every day!



For going above and beyond!

Thank you to the following staff members for their contributions ~

- ❖ To the Business Office and District Administrative Office staff members, for their preparation and contributions to the very successful audit outcome. The efforts made throughout the year and during the audit week really made a difference!
 - Lainie Armienti, Director of Business Services
 - Erin Cyrus, Payroll Accountant
 - Stacy Matthews, Procurement Accountant
 - Patrice McIntyre, District Office Manager
 - Members of the IT, Student Services and HR Departments

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Thank you to the following staff members for their contributions ~

- ❖ Thank you to our team of elementary literacy screeners who trained and are administering the new MOWR Literacy Screener (Fastbridge) to our K-3 students.
 - Julie Laird
 - Kelly Jeffries
 - Karen Hla
 - Sandy Herfkens
 - Sue Romeo
 - Lynette Gilmartin

For going above and beyond!



Congratulations to the following students & staff members who were recognized for their kindness in August! ~

- ❖ Kurt, TVES 4th Grade/Mrs. Nielsen's Class
- ❖ Mrs. Doyle, TVES 3rd Grade Teacher
- ❖ Ryder, ACES 6th Grade/Mrs. Thomas' Class
- ❖ James, ACES 1st Grade/Mrs. Goepfrich's Class
- ❖ Mr. Brown, ACES Maintenance Staff Member



It's cool to be kind!

Congratulations to the following staff members on their achievements!

- ❖ Congratulations to Mrs. Chris Rietz who was awarded a \$25,000 Expansion and Innovation Microgrant by A for Arizona to expand and enrich the outdoor learning spaces at the Agua Caliente Elementary School Nature Trail.



Congratulations to the following TVHS students and staff members on their achievements!

- ❖ Congratulations to students, Trevor Koessler, Karah Mayer, and Samuel McDowell who were named National Merit Semifinalists!
- ❖ Congratulations to Mr. Jeremy Samoy, State of Arizona Outstanding Teacher of American History Award, Arizona Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), nominated by the Tucson Chapter, DAR.



Congratulations to the following TVHS students and staff members on their achievements! (cont.)

- ❖ Congratulations to Mrs. Paige Riffle, who will pilot the inaugural Tucson Youth Leadership Academy at TVHS through a Partnership with the Greater Tucson Leadership Board, the Pima County School Superintendent, and the Pima County Workforce Investment Board.



Tucson Youth Leadership Academy

2021-2022

Thank you to the following TVHS students, staff, and community members for their collaborative efforts in the inaugural TVHS Strategic Branding Event!



- ❖ Thank you to Michael Guymon, Lizel Wieser, Beth Egan, Anne Velosa, Logan Radomsky, Simon Field, Ellie Radomsky, Bobby Torres, Susan Fry, Roy Donelson, Austin Montague, Carrie Radomsky, Heather Lewis, Karli Garlund, Amy Fitch-Heacock, Hadley Moore, Kiersten Wangsvick, Sarah Jayne, Karah Mayer, Lorie Caballero, Nikki Lee, Lexie Rhyner, Eliza Barr, Chris Rietz, Elizabeth Spilotro, Beth Peterson, Lindsey Kowalski, Dawn Head, Ross Orvik, Angie Bhalla, Raena Bhalla, Jordan Orvik, Jean McKnight, Shannon Pacheco, Colleen Roh, Annika Koessler, Molly Pacheco, Joel Bacalia and Elizabeth Jensen.
- ❖ An extra special thank you goes to TVHS Parent Angie Donelson, for donating her talents and running the entire workshop!

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