



From the Office of Superintendent Nora Gutierrez

Updates from the Tolleson Union High School District

This is the newsletter where you can receive the latest information on what is going on in the Tolleson Union High School District

First Week of School Edition

Wednesday, August 5, 2020

- **Superintendent Nora Gutierrez's Welcome**



Dear Students, Parents and Staff members,

Welcome to the start of the 2020-2021 school year! As you know, students and teachers are starting the year online. While I am not sure what the future holds, I can assure you that student academic achievement will be our united focus in the Tolleson Union High School District, regardless of how that education is delivered. We have the best teachers, the best support staff, the best principals, the best administrators and yes, we have the best students! You are the reason we get up every morning to do the respective jobs that we all do for you; and we are proud and happy to serve you.

On behalf of all of the the employees of the Tolleson Union High School District, I want to wish our students the best academic year ever. We know that you will make us all proud and with the support of your excellent teachers, we will support you in achieving your academic goals this year.

All the best,

Nora Gutierrez
Superintendent

- **TUHSD awaits clarity from the Arizona Interscholastic Association**

In an effort to clearly communicate to parents with regards to sports this school year, the Tolleson Union High School District provided updates to parents via the school athletic directors. The letter read in part, “The Tolleson Union High School District wants to provide clear and accurate information to our school and District communities regarding athletics for the 2020-2021 school year. The Tolleson Union High School District **WILL BE** participating in **ALL** athletics offered by the Arizona Interscholastic Association (AIA) during school year 2020-2021.”

The letter goes on to say, “TUHSD is awaiting clarity from the AIA and the Arizona Department of Health Services regarding start dates for the fall season of athletics and in-person learning respectively. The AIA Executive Board is meeting this **Wednesday, August 5th**. The Arizona Department of Health Services is developing public health benchmarks for the safe return of in-person instruction and expects to share that information with the public and schools no later than **Friday, August 7th**.”



- **TUHSD Curbside Meal Pack Service begins on Tuesday, August 4th**

Curbside Meal Pack Pick Up starts on Tuesday, August 4th, from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. at every school in our District and continues every Tuesday at the same time until in-person learning begins. The Meal Packs include breakfast and lunch items for 5-days.



Who: Student, Parent or Guardian may pick up meal pack
What: 5-Day Meal Pack
Where: All 6 TUHSD campuses
When: Every Tuesday 5-7 pm beginning August 4, 2020

Students charged according to their current meal benefit status

Free: \$0.00
 Reduced: \$3.50
 Paid: \$21.75

*Meals must be picked up at the campus where student is enrolled

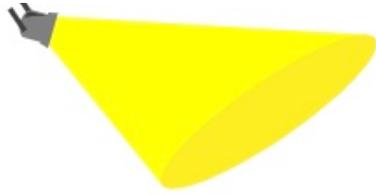
Meal delivery service available. Go to <https://tuhsdmealrequest.tuhsd.org/> for more information and to sign up. Meal delivery service will begin the week after the form is submitted. Account Deposits can be made at: www.mypaymentsolus.com

*Meal Pack distribution will cease when in-person school resumes

In addition, meal delivery service is available. Parents can go to <https://tuhsdmealrequest.tuhsd.org/> for more



information and to sign up. Meal delivery service begins the week after the form is submitted. Much thanks and appreciation to our Food and Nutrition staff at the District Office and the schools, under the direction of Kimberly Luvisi. Great job feeding our students!



IN THE SPOTLIGHT



Elizabeth Mendoza

We would like to welcome Elizabeth Mendoza, Administrative Assistant to Chief Financial Officer - Business Services (Mr. Jeremy Calles), to the Tolleson Union High School District. Elizabeth started working at the District Office on June 15th.

Although this is Elizabeth's first job with the Tolleson Union High School District, she brings many years of experience. Prior to working here, Elizabeth worked for the Avondale Elementary School District. She's also worked for a couple of schools in Washoe County, Nevada.

Elizabeth hasn't met most of her co-workers (due to Covid-19), but those that she has met so far have made her feel right at home. "It's great to work for a district that makes you feel like you belong there," said Elizabeth. "This District and its employees definitely welcomed me with open arms and for that I am grateful."

Elizabeth is a current resident of Avondale. "When I first moved here two years ago, I lived in Tolleson, and prior to my move to Arizona, I lived in Northern Nevada," said Elizabeth.

“I grew up in a small town in Northern Nevada named Winnemucca. It is about two hours east of Reno, Nevada, which is known as “The Biggest Little City in the World. After graduating high School in 2005, I moved to Las Vegas for two years, then moved to Reno, where I lived until my move to Arizona.”

Elizabeth is a mom to two boys. “My oldest, Octavio, just turned 12 this past June and my baby Lucas will be one year old in October,” she added.

“I was born and raised in Nevada to Mexican parents who immigrated from Michoacan, Mexico,” said Elizabeth. “I come from a large family, including four brothers and three sisters. I’m the youngest. I graduated from Lowry High School in Winnemucca, Nevada in 2005 and moved to Las Vegas where I studied Interior Design for two years at the Art Institute.” In 2018, Elizabeth decided to move to Arizona after visiting for a week and falling in love with the heat. “Although it’s sometimes difficult to be away from my family, I must admit that moving here was the best decision I’ve ever made,” said Elizabeth.

We’re glad you’re part of the TUHSD Team Elizabeth. Welcome!

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