

TCEA NEWS LETTER

Temple City Education Association

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Monthly TCEA Meetings

Via Google Hangouts

FIRST Monday every month

@ 3:30pm

Upcoming Events

TCEA Meeting

August 24 – General Association meeting via Zoom, time TBD. Check your personal email for the time and link.

TCUSD School Board Meeting

8/26 - Regular Meeting

Video and Audio livestream

<https://tinyurl.com/yd2fzv2c>

Closed Session 6 pm

Open Session 7 pm

SUBSCRIBE to TCUSD's YouTube Channel:

Allows easier viewing of School Board meetings

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCKDyBuKp0QptCZgmM_eB5eA/

TCEA Info

2020-2021 – TCEA Election information dates –

Building representative and executive board candidate statements are due by August 18th at 11:59 pm. Contact our election committee with a group email at: sstemplecity@gmail.com (Scott Sherman), akasuyama@msn.com (Amanda Kasuyama), and mallella2@gmail.com (Maria Ioele)

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[A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT]

Hello,

As I count down the days toward the start of school, I find myself simultaneously excited and anxious. I love the first day of school, but I am anxious about distance learning. I realized that I felt excited and anxious in August 2002 when I was preparing to teach my first class of 6th graders at Longden School. I made it through that year and have had 17 more wonderful years teaching.

I'm wondering if you feel the same way I do. Feeling like a new teacher after 18 years in the education profession can be deeply debilitating. But, I sense it's not just our Temple City teachers who feel like we're in our first year. Practically every teacher in our country may feel like a first year teacher as most of us embark on teaching from a distance.

I hope you're coping with all the changes that have come, nearly overnight, into our beloved profession. Not all of us are suited to become distance learning teachers overnight. We're used to relaxing summers with our family, being restful and rejuvenating ourselves for the start of school. Many of us have had to work harder than others to become proficient and able to use Canvas, develop best practices for distance learning, and come to the understanding that our profession is on the precipice of a paradigm shift.

When I started my first year at Longden, I had a BA, a Master's, a teaching credential, and a mentor for two years to support me. I was truly prepared to teach. However, having to become a distance learning teacher without specialized university courses and thorough training is very difficult. I try not to be so hard on myself, because there's more time to learn Canvas and there is tremendous support in our community of teachers. I have reached out and found my own mentors because of my beliefs in life long learning and my students deserve the best education I can give them.

We don't all have to be the very best distance learning and Canvas teacher on August 26th, and we will all improve over time at different rates. I expect that by the end of the year most of us will be proficient.

Earlier in the summer, TCEA member and Oak Ave music teacher, Kyle Smith shared an article, *Choosing the New Normal for Education in the United States*, by Nick Snow and it is worth the read. I quote Mr. Snow's wise words, "School is not returning this fall. It is hard to see the end of the pandemic. The earlier we accept this, the easier it will be to see the choices we have for a new beginning". <https://medium.com/@nmsnow/choosing-the-new-normal-for-education-in-the-united-states-e58dab849e86>

Our union is here to support you in your new beginning.

Stay safe and well,
Ellen

CTA:

Our Vote = Our Voice. Get CTA's recommendations on candidates and issues to support based on a transparent, democratic process. Always with the best intentions for our students and public education. <https://www.cta.org/election-2020>

Check out CTA's Distance Learning classroom support sites <https://www.cta.org/for-educators/professional-development/ipd/distance-learning-support-series>

PAC information

Temple City Education Association Fund for Quality Schools is our association's Political Action Committee. As TCUSD school board elections will be on the November ballot, our PAC will offer to interview candidates. There are three open seats and all incumbents are running for their seat: Melissa Espinoza, Ken Knollenberg, and Matt Smith. Mrs. Mary Sneed, former Longden teacher, is also a candidate. Our PAC will be forming a committee in August and begin the process of interviewing and endorsing candidates.

Professional Development Grant offerings:

Watch your personal email for nine (9) more Professional Development Grants for BER Conferences to be offered on August 17th. Check your email in the upcoming weeks for this grant opportunity. Congratulations to the 20 recipients who received a grant in July.

Gary Ledger
Brenda Pan
Nikki Shifter
Ann Marie Lozier
Marlisse Reina
Jamie Campbell
Kevin Slattery
Stacy Rudzik
Winnie Joe
Melissa Webster

Breigh Anna Cruz
Kayla Urias
Katie Arrighi
Shelley Scanlan
Oil Long
Ashley Dimkich
Ashleigh Sanders
Crystal King
Maria Hernandez
Kelly Kilmer

Distance Learning Schedules:

TK – K are mandated to have 180 instructional minutes every day. It is agreed that 90 minutes are to be synchronous and 90 asynchronous. First through twelfth grades are mandated to have 240 instructional minutes. It is agreed that 120 minutes are to be synchronous and 120 asynchronous.

The district, and our union representatives on the Superintendent Open School Task Force have worked collaboratively and diligently to devise a schedule that will be beneficial to students, parents, and educators. Providing these schedules does not answer all our questions, but it is a great starting place. Each schedule is specific to a level of teaching. As there is some variation between the three schedules, one cannot make blanket statements regarding them. It's imperative to pay attention to the precise details on each schedule.

Be on the lookout for a joint statement from TCEA and TCUSD regarding direct, synchronous, and asynchronous instruction.

With Gratitude and Appreciation:

Our union cannot thank you enough for the time and effort you have spent this summer as a member of the Superintendent Open School Task Force!

Amy Riker, Andrea Saldana, Emily Trujillo, Shelley Scanlan, Gloria Autran, Katie Arrighi, Carina Quan, Dawn Neufeld, Kristen Castro.

Canvas Badges:

Please email your Canvas badges to Vicky Lin (vlin@tcusd.net) by 8/24. Anyone with five or more badges will receive a \$5 Amazon card from TCEA. Look for your Amazon card to arrive in your TCUSD email in early September.

ELEMENTARY SCHEDULE

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8:00-8:25 (25)	Instructional Block	Instructional Block	Instructional Block	Instructional Block	*PE Live Interaction with students will be scheduled by grade level
8:25-9:20 (55)	Instructional Block	Instructional Block	Instructional Block	Instructional Block	
9:20-10:15 (55)	Instructional Block	Instructional Block	Instructional Block	Instructional Block	*SEL lessons with counselors
10:15-10:25	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	
10:25-11:20 (55)	Instructional Block (TK-K end)	Instructional Block (TK-K end)	Instructional Block (TK-K end)	Instructional Block (TK-K end)	
11:20-12:10 (50)	Instructional Block	Instructional Block	Instructional Block	Instructional Block	
1:30-2:00	PE Grades 1-3 Music 4-6	PE Grades 4-6 Music 4-6	PE Grades 1-3 Music 4-6	PE Grades 4-6 Music 4-6	
2:00-2:30	Music 4-6	Music 4-6	Music 4-6	Music 4-6	

OAK AVE. SCHEDULE

Oak Ave Distance Learning Schedule 2020-2021

M/W and T/TH	PERIOD TIME	MINUTES	FRIDAYS
Period 1/2	8:20am-9:40am	80 mins	8:20 Staff Mtg.
Passing	8 mins		9-9:30am Advisory
Period 3/4	9:48am-11:08am	80 mins	9:30am-2:30 Open for: *Office Hours *Student Pull Out *Grading *Department Mtg
Passing	8 mins		
Period 5/6	11:16am-12:36pm	80 mins	
Tchr Lunch	12:36pm-1:10pm		
Tchr Planning	1:10pm-2:30pm	80 mins	

M/W - Periods 1, 3 and 5

T/TH - Periods 2, 4 and 6

240 instructional minutes/day

*Due to non-student days during the week,
regular class will be held on:*

September 11th	Periods 1, 3 and 5
November 6th	Periods 1, 3 and 5
November 13th	Periods 1, 3 and 5
January 22nd	Periods 1, 3 and 5

Fridays:

Advisory 9-9:30am School Wide

- Announcements
- Virtual Performances
- Campus Club Presentations
- Social Emotion Learning
- Community Building
- PBIS/WEB/ASB
- SPED IEP Meetings

TCHS SCHEDULE

Temple City High School
2020-2021 Bell Schedule

FINAL

Monday/Wednesday Periods 0, 1, 3, 7		Tuesday/Thursday Periods 2, 4, 6	
Period 0	7:00-8:20	Period 2	8:30-9:50
Break	8:20-8:25	Break	9:50-9:55
Period 1	8:30-9:50	Period 4	10:00-11:20
Break	9:50-9:55	Break	11:20-11:25
Period 3	10:00-11:20	Period 6	11:30-12:50
Break	11:20-11:25		
Period 7	11:30-12:50		

Friday	
Meetings TBD 8:00-8:50 Homeroom 9:00-10:00 ***See below for Homeroom rotation schedule -Social/Emotional Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sometimes may be pulled out for assemblies, counselor-led lessons. Teachers will be responsible for making contact with their homeroom students, taking attendance and having some sort of social/emotional development activity.
Asynchronous Learning 180 min. -Each teacher must provide some sort of activity for Friday (does not have to be NEW curriculum) -Students working on homework, completing tasks from the week --Teachers holding office hours for student contact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This time is dedicated to allowing teachers to reach out to any students who need intervention/help. The expectation for teachers is to use this time to meet with students who are needing more help/instruction, work on developing lesson plans, grading. The expectation for students during this time is to be working on homework or classwork from the week. Those who need help will meet with teachers one-on-one or in small groups during this time. Students must have some type of asynchronous activity to be working on during this time.

Homeroom Rotation Schedule

August/September	1st Period
October	2nd Period
November	3rd Period
December	4th Period
January	6th Period
February	1st Period
March	2nd Period
April	3rd Period
May	4th Period
June	6th Period

First Week Bell Schedule--August 26, 27, 28

Period 0	8:00-8:30
Period 1	8:35-9:05
Period 2	9:10-9:40
Period 3	9:45-10:15
BREAK	10:15-10:25
Period 4	10:30-11:00
Period 6	11:05-11:35
Period 7	11:40-12:10

This is time for teachers to meet with each class to set up familiarity with Canvas, your course, and begin building community and relationships within the classroom.

Holiday Dates Switch:

Monday, September 7 (Periods 0, 1, 3, 7) classes will meet on Friday, September 11

Monday, November 2 (Periods 0, 1, 3, 7) classes will meet on Friday, November 6

Wednesday, November 11 (Periods 0, 1, 3, 7) classes will meet on Friday, November 13

Monday, January 18 (Periods 0, 1, 3, 7) classes will meet on Friday January 22