



DATE: June 26, 2024
TO: Board of Education
FROM: Mrs. Kerstin Kramer, Superintendent Chief Learning Officer
SUBJECT: Info/Discussion - Outdoor Education Presentation
PRESENTED BY: Mr. Edward Hilton, Chief Technology Officer

ACTION REQUESTED

Information and discussion of the Outdoor Education/Environmental Literacy workgroup

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Tahoe Truckee Unified School District (TTUSD) Strategic Plan Roadmap includes a Community Connections focus area to expand partnerships in support of student learning. Within this focus area, priority 3.3 aims to expand community partnerships that support learning through community-based educational partnerships, immersion in the natural environment, internships, and outdoor education. The 2023-2024 action item 3.3.2 specifically calls for evaluating current outdoor education opportunities and experiences for students to engage with and learn from the natural environment.

In support of the TTUSD Strategic Plan Goal 3.3, the Outdoor Education/Environmental Literacy (OE/ELIT) workgroup met this year to evaluate current outdoor education opportunities available to students. The OE/ELIT District team partnered with community organizations such as Gateway Mountain Center, Headwaters Science Institute, Sagehen Outdoor Education Program, Sierra Watershed Education Partnership, Tahoe Institute for Natural Science, and UC Davis Tahoe Environmental Research Center. The workgroup completed a program inventory and conducted surveys of teachers, administrators, students, and OE partners to better understand the current offerings, needs, and perceptions related to outdoor education in the TTUSD and identified suggested next steps for the workgroup in the upcoming academic year.

RESOURCES REQUIRED: N/A

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Attachments: Outdoor Education Strategic Planning Update Presentation