



TRUCKEE TAHOE AIRPORT DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTOR STAFF REPORT

AGENDA TITLE: Biannual Agency Partnership Interim Update Report -
Aim High for High School

MEETING DATE: Wednesday, May 27, 2020

PREPARED BY: Marc R. Lamb, Aviation & Community Services Manager

REPRESENTED BY: Biannual written report, by Aim High for High School
Executive Director, Mr. Alec Lee

RECOMMENDED ACTION: No Board action is required at this time. This presentation is an update on the Truckee Tahoe Airport District's (TTAD) Agency Partnership with the Tahoe Truckee Unified School District (TTUSD) in mutual support of "Aim High For High School's" (AHHS), Tahoe-Truckee based youth programs. Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, and per the funding agreement, Aim High's Executive Director Mr. Alec Lee, is providing the attached biannual written interim report to the Board.

DISCUSSION: At the February 27, 2019 TTAD board meeting, Airport Directors voted 5-0 in support of an Agency Partnership with the TTUSD in mutual support of AHHS. TTAD committed to sponsoring \$30,000 per year for three years (2019-2021). As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, this summer's program scheduled for June 22nd through July 24th will be via AHHS's new "Aim High at Home" virtual program.

Aim High for High School is a San Francisco based 501(c)3 non-profit that has a local Tahoe-Truckee program focused on under-resourced middle-school students of all backgrounds. Aim High for High School was founded in 1986 and is currently working with over 2,000 students in Northern California (San Francisco, Oakland, Richmond, East Palo Alto, Redwood City, San Rafael, Napa and Tahoe-Truckee). Their mission is to help middle-school students prepare for

and excel in high school and provide inspiration to attend college thru AHHS' tuition-free five-week academic STEM summer camp programs.

AHHS' mission is to address and close the documented opportunity and achievement gaps between low-income middle-school children and their higher-income peers in the Tahoe-Truckee area, and fill the void of the lack of programs in our region that address this issue. "Summer slide" during vacation months for under-resourced students is one of the biggest contributors to achievement gaps, and intervention during middle-school is critical.

AHHS expanded to the Tahoe-Truckee region in 2012 with 45 students, and in 2019 had approximately 150 students in their Tahoe-Truckee academic STEM summer camp programs.

WHAT'S NEXT: TTAD will continue supporting AHHS's local Tahoe-Truckee program through 2021. An AHHS representative, per the funding agreement, will report to the airport board each May and September during the term of this Agency Partnership.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$30,000 per year from 2019 through 2021, \$90,000 total, subject to the terms, conditions and provisions set forth in the Funding Agreement. TTAD's annual funding check will be made to AHHS by June 1st of each year.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS: The Truckee Tahoe Airport District is recognized in AHHS' annual report mailers, in their E-Newsletter and on their website. TTAD is marketing the partnership support in our standard media venues, when and where appropriate.

SAMPLE MOTION(S): No motion required

ATTACHMENTS:

- Aim High for High School, May 2020 presentation (3 pages)



Aim High at Home – Summer 2020

Prepared for the Truckee Tahoe Airport District

Interim Report for Multi-Year Funding



Since 1986 (and since 2012 in Tahoe-Truckee!), Aim High has provided free, high-quality summer learning experiences to middle school students in high-need communities across Northern California. Summer 2020 will be no exception.

Aim High at Home is our new distance-learning program, created in response to COVID-19.

While much has changed recently, Aim High's mission has not. We remain committed to creating life-changing opportunities during the summer. Just as we have for the last 35 years, Aim High at Home will nurture the promise and potential of middle school students from low-income neighborhoods and prepare them for high school, setting them on the path to college and future success.

We are grateful for the multi-year funding support from the Truckee Tahoe Airport District. Together, our organizations will offer critical support and connection to low-income Tahoe-Truckee youth and their families. Thank you for being an important partner in this work.

THE NEED FOR SUMMER LEARNING NOW



We find ourselves in unprecedented and extraordinary times. The current health crisis has forced school districts to close throughout the state, and thousands of students are losing academic ground each day, especially those from low-income households.

In addition to these unparalleled learning losses, students are experiencing high levels of stress and depression due to the pandemic. They're separated from

friends and stuck at home. They might be worried about getting sick, or the health of a loved one. And their families may be experiencing heightened financial and food insecurity. These added stressors are robbing students of the sense of safety, belonging and well-being they need to learn and to thrive.

Without a doubt, summer learning, connection and community matter now, more than ever before.

OUR SOLUTION: AIM HIGH AT HOME

Aim High at Home will run from June 22nd – July 24, 2020. Classes will be offered virtually and on-demand during this five-week period. Core components include:

Community and Connection: Aim High’s joyful and inclusive culture will be front and center this summer. Students will join their peers and teachers for daily morning circles, twice weekly social/emotional learning, and end-of-week reflections. Students also will participate in our signature adolescent development course, Issues & Choices. These safe spaces will provide robust opportunities for support and connection.

Academics: Preparing students for success when school begins is more important than ever. Weekly STEM challenges, book club and college and career awareness curriculum will encourage students to build critical thinking, literacy and problem-solving skills, and help them set goals for the future.



Activities & Physical

Challenges: Daily enrichment experiences will get students moving, trying new things and learning in a non-academic setting. Our partners in this work include American Conservatory Theater, Camp EdMo, Women’s Audio Mission, local soccer clubs and more!

Parent Engagement & Education: Our families need support right now, and we are standing with them. Our staff will provide weekly bulletins detailing upcoming activities—including a variety of educational workshops throughout the summer—and tips on how to support their child’s learning.

OUR STUDENTS

A diverse array of veteran Aim High/Tahoe-Truckee educators (like Dani, see below) will teach between 70–80* students in grades 6–9, from their homes. These students will be:

- 95% students of color.
- 90% live at poverty or low-income levels.

- 85% speak a language other than English at home.
- 90% poised to be the first generation in their family to graduate college.

Right now, our students need inclusive learning communities and accessible educational resources. Aim High at Home will offer this and more, so that we can narrow the achievement and opportunity gaps that are widening exponentially every day of this crisis. **Never before has our work been more critical.** We are proud to stand with our incredible Tahoe-Truckee students, families and educators.

Learn more: <https://www.aimhigh.org/attend-aim-high/>

*Since Aim High at Home is a new program, we do not have a baseline for interest or participation. We will have enrollment numbers finalized at the end of May, and we are happy to follow up with the Truckee Tahoe Airport District at that time.

Teacher Spotlight: Danielle Bouchard!



"The work and creativity that Dani brings to the table is truly amazing. She's earned the trust of students, so much so, that her classroom was full at lunch daily! During this quarantine she spends hours reaching out to students who are struggling, and setting up modified plans to ensure their success."

Katie Jamison,
Tahoe Truckee
Regional Program Manager