



## DISTRICT NEWS BRIEF & UPDATES

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*Mission: Inspire learning*

*Vision: Engaging and  (valuing/caring) for our families, students and staff to empower our community.*

### Dear Bellevue Union School District Families and Staff,

#### Mission Vision, Values, Goals

I love our mission and vision statements! Why? Because we created them through a collaborative process capturing the essence of our “why”, our authentic mission. The mission statement answers, “Why do we exist?” The mission statement is our organization's fundamental purpose. In addition, I especially appreciate the wonderful vision we created as it defines what must our schools become to accomplish our purpose. Our vision statement states a compelling future which clarifies, addresses priorities and sharpens our focus. In this process and along our journey together, I have noted our values, “How must we behave to achieve our vision.” Our collective commitment is strongly evident in what we do each day. Thank you for everything you do!

Each year school districts are required to revisit their Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP); however this year we were tasked at creating it's temporary replacement, the Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan, which was approved by our school board at the end of this last month. Having goals are very important as it establishes how we will mark our progress with specific targets and timelines. It helps us establish priorities.

Last year before the pandemic struck our great nation, we as a school district were right in the middle of gathering input through various stakeholders' meetings. We did not have the opportunity to finish collecting input for the next LCAP; however, I would like to assure you that we will remain steadfast with honoring all the input gathered over the last few years and utilize this information, as well as new input that will be gathered this year. We are committed to continuing on the path to revise the LCAP we were under for the last two 3-year cycles.

This summary of where we left off in our strategic planning has meaning to us as we examine our new normal and to help guide our future together..

As a reminder, our new LCAP has two major goals:

#### **Student Success and Support Student Learning**

- **Ensure quality learning for each and every student to reach their potential**

#### **Connectedness and Involvement**

- **Ensure a positive and respectful school climate for students, staff and families which includes positive school cultures, safe, secure, accessible and efficient classrooms, facilities and grounds.**

A third district goal, separate from the LCAP , but related to our work has been:

#### **Organizational Growth. Management and Development**

**Ensure highly efficient support for all**

As we focus on the here and now, I appreciate our board's desire to focus on the future. We are at the starting stages to map out this year's required stakeholders' meetings and the processes we will use to develop this strategic plan.

### **Learning Center Planning**

As we move forward, a new opportunity related to all three goals has arisen from years of conversations regarding effective support and resources allocation. We are excited to let you have a sneak preview of the **Bellevue Union School District Learning Center**. The Learning Center is being developed out of an effort to serve our community's needs based on input from our stakeholders and to maximize our district's resources. This concept for a centralized learning center for our staff, parents and community has germinated from several years of programmatic and facilities usage planning. The concept of a Learning Center emerged from a deeply rooted foundation within our mission and vision for our school district and community. The concept of the Learning Center strongly supports our district goals (see above):

#### *Vision for The Bellevue Union School District Learning Center*

The Learning Center will provide a variety of valuable educational and technological resources and opportunities for our school district community including our staff, students, and parents. This Learning Center will empower and build capacity within our staff, students, families, and community to become actively engaged in their roles in the education of our students and support the ever demanding needs of the different educational pathways.

#### *Mission of The Bellevue Union School District Learning Center*

The educational resource center will inspire learning in our teachers, staff, students, families, and community. It will be the designated location for **all** BUSD stakeholders to obtain (learn) and ask questions in regards to our educational program including curriculum and technology.

The time is now. We anticipate a continual need to support Distance Learning, when appropriate due to events such as PSPS, wildfires, pandemics, etc...

The learning center will be hosted at the Meadow View School Annex for our staff and community to seek support and guidance for educational and technological needs. The need for curriculum and technology resources and support is growing exponentially due to the need to provide distance learning models. In addition, the resource center will be key to helping our community in decreasing the academic gap that is created when resources aren't easily accessible to our students, families, and community.

The Learning Center will offer students, staff, families, and community access to a variety of educational and technological support at a minimal cost and covered within the Learning Loss Mitigation Funds

### **The Future**

- 1) The Educational Component
  - We will be able to offer Professional Development and other educational opportunities for all our staff and community by creating partnerships with other school districts and county-wide services.
  - We will offer and house resources for staff and the community
  - Director of Curriculum and English Learners Office location
- 2) Parent and Community Partnership Component
  - We will be able to offer parent educational events (i.e., English classes, early childhood classes, etc...)
  - Assist and support the needs of the community and staff (i.e. Census 2020 information, register to vote, preparing for college and careers).
- 3) Technology Hub Component
  - We will be able to offer technology support on demand
  - Offer parent education recognizing the ever changing world of technology.
  - Director of Technology and staff office location

The Learning Center development will consist of multiple phases. The first is preparing to house our educational services and technology departments. We are excited at the limitless opportunities these untapped resources can provide our community.

### **SCHOOL SITE SUPPORT:**

#### ***Bellevue: Nina Craig, Principal***

Upcoming Meetings & Events:

Oct. 16; ELAC 9:00am, Site Council 12:00pm

Oct. 19-23rd Outdoor Bookfair 12:00pm-4:00pm

Oct. 30 Drive-thru Halloween Parade 2:30pm

Call or stop by during office hours for tech support!

Office Hours: Monday - Friday 8:00am-4pm Please respect social distancing protocols.

Weekly free meal pick up Mondays 11:00-1:00

Food Pantry Tuesdays 12:00-1:00

Email Principal Craig [ncraig@busd.org](mailto:ncraig@busd.org) Office Manager, Karina [kmartinez@busd.org](mailto:kmartinez@busd.org) Parent Liaison, Amy [aflorescasares@busd.org](mailto:aflorescasares@busd.org) with any questions.

#### ***Kawana Springs: Denise McCullough, Principal***

Thank you families, for hanging in there during these trying times! We appreciate you.

Upcoming Meetings/Events:

Oct 16, 9:00 a.m.- Virtual "Chat with the Principal"

Oct 22, 5:30 p.m- ELAC

Oct 29, 2:30 p.m.- School Site Council

Oct 30, 2:30 p.m.- Halloween drive-thru celebration

Oct 30, TBD- Student of the Month assembly

Food Pantry- Wednesdays 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Office hours: 8:00-4:00 p.m. Monday-Friday

Technology support at the District Office daily, 8:00-4:00 p.m.

Grab-and-Go lunches: Mondays from 10:00-12:00 p.m.

You may email or call Principal McCullough [dmccullough@busd.org](mailto:dmccullough@busd.org), Office Manager Susy Bradley [sbradley@busd.org](mailto:sbradley@busd.org), or Parent Liaison Erika Corrales [ecorrales@busd.org](mailto:ecorrales@busd.org) with any questions.

#### ***Meadow View: Jean Walker, Principal***

Thank you families for all your continued support and flexibility while we endure distance learning.

Upcoming Meetings/Events:

Oct 14th @ 5:30- ELAC

Oct 19th @ 5:30- School site Council

Oct 30th- Halloween drive thru (12:30-1:30 primary & 1:30-2:30- Upper)

Grab n Go meals every Monday 11:30-1:30

Food Pantry Every Tuesday 2:00-3:00

If you have any questions please call or stop by during our office hours (8:00-4:00). Masks and social distancing required for the safety of all.

Please call the office or if you have questions email; Principal Walker [jwalker@busd.org](mailto:jwalker@busd.org), Office Manager Ana Peoples, [apeoples@busd.org](mailto:apeoples@busd.org), Office Assistant- Isabel Luna, [imluna@busd.org](mailto:imluna@busd.org), or Parent Liaison Natali Ramirez, [nramirez@busd.org](mailto:nramirez@busd.org).

#### ***Taylor Mountain: Margaret Jacobson, Principal***

We value and appreciate the dedication of our staff, students, and families to the distance learning program.

Upcoming Meetings/Events:

Oct. 23, 1:00 pm ELAC Meeting

Oct. 23, 2:00 pm School Site Council Meeting

Grab n Go meals every Monday 10:30 am-1:30 pm

Food Pantry Every Tuesday 12:00-1:00 pm

Technology support at the District Office daily, 8:00-4:00 p.m.

Office Hours: Monday - Friday 8:00am-4pm. Masks and social distancing required for the safety of all.

Please call or stop by with questions: 542-3671; Principal Margaret Jacobson [mjacobson@busd.org](mailto:mjacobson@busd.org); Office

Manager Julie Roza [jroza@busd.org](mailto:jroza@busd.org), Office Asst. Hope Leon [hleon@busd.org](mailto:hleon@busd.org), or Parent Liaison Juana Solis

[jsolis@busd.org](mailto:jsolis@busd.org)

**COOL School Program, Melissa Moore, CalSERVES Program Manager**

COOL School is excited to be open and serving students again this week!

### **Child Care**

[Community Distance Learning Support/Childcare Resources](#) available throughout our community found in this link.

### **DISTRICT SUPPORT:**

**Food Services, Kayla Todd, Food Program Manager**

Reminder: School lunches are FREE FOR ALL CHILDREN under 18, pick up 5 days worth of breakfast and lunch every Monday at the following sites:

- 10am-12pm Kawana Elementary
- 10:30am-1:30pm Taylor Mountain Elementary
- 11am-1pm Bellevue Elementary
- 11:30am-1:30pm Meadow View Elementary

**Educational Services, Aracely Romo-Flores**

#### Learning Center:

What an exciting opportunity to serve our Bellevue Union School District through a centralized Learning Center! We aspire to design a learning environment where faculty, parents, and community members can take an array of classes to help them gain more confidence as school and community leaders and to partner with us in the most important job of all, educating our students. We are excited to learn more about your specific needs in order to bring you those offerings and will be reaching out soon.

#### District English Language Advisory Committee:

Each California public school district with 51 or more English learners must form a District English Learner Advisory Committee (DELAC). This group is comprised of parents from each of our school sites, staff, and community members. The purpose of this group is to advise our district leadership team on English learner programs and services. Although each school has an elected DELAC representative who attends these meetings, these meetings are public and open to anyone interested in participating.

**BUSD's first DELAC meeting will be held virtually on October 22, 2020 from 6-7 p.m.** A Zoom link will be shared very soon. Please consider joining us as our participation in the past has been low and we really want your input!

**Student Services/Special Education, Tracy Whitaker, Director**

The MTSS Committee met on 10/7/2020. Our current focus is social emotional learning. We shared and discussed input from sites regarding current supports and practices for social emotional learning and what additional resources and/or support is needed going forward. The committee is looking at how the district can support immediate needs during distance learning as well as long term curriculum and training solutions.

**Human Resources: Siara Goyer, Director**

Join the BUSD team! Check out [Edjoin.org](http://Edjoin.org) for several exciting employment opportunities with the Bellevue Union School District. Many new positions have recently been added. Check it out!

### **Business Operations, Chris J. Kim, Chief Business Official**

The District presented its revised 2020/21 budget on September 29th taking into account the updated cash balances from closing out the prior fiscal year, the allocation of \$2.6 million in one time Learning Loss Mitigation Funding from the State and Federal Governments to support Distance Learning, and the projected \$2.9 million in cash apportionment deferrals starting in February 2021. In summary, based on continued and accelerated enrollment declines, the District projects deficit spending in the current and subsequent two fiscal years, resulting in a draw down of unrestricted reserves to the statutory minimum of 3% of operating expenditures by the end of FY 2022/23. A copy of the presentation and report can be found on the District's website on the Business Services Webpage. The District will continue its analysis of its operating costs with the presentation of the 1st Interim Report for FY 2020/21 in December.

### **Maintenance and Operations, Roger Farrell, Director**

We welcome you to please spend some time reviewing our [BUSD Maintenance & Operations Webpage](#) where you can see the [BUSD Facility Improvements Accomplishments and Plans](#) to gain an understanding of what lies ahead to make our District Facilities more wonderful for our students, staff and community. Additionally, there are some photos to give you a glimpse of some of the work that was accomplished this past spring and summer. Please send any questions or maintenance requests you may have about our facilities to [mohelp@busd.org](mailto:mohelp@busd.org). Thank you!

### **Information Technology, Lawrence Black, Director**

Office hours will be from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm at the District office. 3150 Education dr Santa Rosa CA 95407. Spanish Language support available at all times. If travel is an issue, please contact us at the provided options below and we will schedule to meet you at a convenient location.

- Email - [ithelp@busd.org](mailto:ithelp@busd.org)
- Call - 1-707-544-8164

If you are experiencing issues with Zoom or Google Meet connectivity, be sure to run a [speedof.me](https://speedof.me) test at home and let us know your results so we can best help you. We recommend at least **2Mbps up and down per person** who will be needing to use video conferencing when you are at home.

### **Executive Assistance, Moriah Hart**

You may have received an email, voicemail, text message, or reminder on our [mobile app](#) to complete either the [online data confirmation](#) process or a paper opening packet (available at your school and coming soon by mail). The data Confirmation/Opening Packet contains annual notifications we are required to provide to all of our families. It is also your opportunity to update your contact information as well your student's emergency contacts. BUSD communicates out important information through email, text, auto dialler, our mobile phone app, [www.bUSD.org](http://www.bUSD.org) and our facebook page [www.facebook.com/bUSD.org](https://www.facebook.com/bUSD.org)

Our partners at Move Over Mozart are offering [piano, guitar/uke](#) and [art](#) to our students this year, sign up online. Music begins the first week of October, as does Kinder-3 grade art. Art for 4-6 has begun, but you can sign up throughout the year.

September 15-October 15 is National Hispanic Heritage Month (<https://hispanicheritagemoth.gov/>) and we've been posting bios on [www.facebook.com/bUSD.org](https://www.facebook.com/bUSD.org) in recognition.

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