



## 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,**

*Be the change that you wish to see in the world." - Mahatma Gandhi*

The tragic death of George Floyd and so many others have had a significant impact on how we are viewing the world and how to process this overwhelming rush of feelings. I, like many of you, have sent thoughts and prayers their way. I cannot imagine what their mothers, fathers, families, friends, and their communities are going through. Words cannot express the tragic loss of life. It is with a heavy heart that another life has been cut short due to violence toward a person of color. Our own community has experienced this pain. I am not going to pretend or give a perspective from one of a person of color. I do not have the right or position to tell you how to feel or act. I can only share with you that I have a heavy heart and my stomach wrenches over the whole situation. For many of us who care deeply for all of the people we serve, I would like to plead with our community to embrace the opportunity to come together as a people and help us educate our students and to see each other as a people who deserve to be treated with respect and dignity. Today, and for a time to come, we will feel this pain. I am hopeful that one day we can all truly be mindful of our own barriers that inhibit us from celebrating our differences, instead of fearing them. We are a small district with a big heart. Please stand with me for all our families.

### **2020/21 School Year Updates**

This last week Sonoma County Office of Education released guidance for returning to school in the 2020/21 school year and the California Department of Education released guidance release on June 8, 2020. Each school district will now develop their own plan for returning to school, which will most likely involve plans for distance learning from home, returning to classrooms or a hybrid of home and school instruction.

The Bellevue Union School District in collaboration with local school districts have been closely monitoring the guidance development and have begun the process to develop our own plan. The guidance was absolutely needed to ensure the safety of our students. The BUSD District Strategic Planning Team will be meeting tomorrow, Tuesday, June 16, 2020 to review this guidance as well as to develop recommendations.

### **Newsletter Updates**

As we enter into the summer months we are going to continue creating our District Newsletter due to the uncertainties that are still with us regarding the upcoming school year; however, the newsletter may be once or twice a month or as needed. Once again thank you for your understanding and patience

**Online Kindergarten Registration [click here](#)**

I hope you may find the following information and resources helpful!

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

We will be extending the drive through meal service at Taylor Mountain Elementary School until June 30th, 2020. As always, the District will provide a **one time pick up of five days worth of meals** on every Monday of each week from 11am-1pm.

## SCHOOL SITE SUPPORT:

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

Food Pantry is continuing throughout the summer, Tuesdays at 2:30pm

We are continuing to accept registrations for grades TK-6. Our district office remains open for in person registration or visit the district website to register online. 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. Our school continues to undergo roof repairs and painting projects.

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

Accepting registrations TK-6. Stop in district office for in person registration or register online at [busd.org](http://busd.org) Kawana Springs families may attend Food Pantry at Taylor Mountain Elementary, Tuesdays 12:00-1:00 Please feel free to call the school office, email Principal McCullough [dmccullough@busd.org](mailto:dmccullough@busd.org) or Office Manager Susy Bradley [sbradley@busd.org](mailto:sbradley@busd.org) with any questions. Campus is closed for construction.

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

Food Pantry & Calserves snack drive continues through the summer every Tuesday @ 2:00pm in the parking lot loop. We are continuing to accept registration for Kindergarten through 6th grade. The district office remains open for in person registration, or please visit [busd.org](http://busd.org) for online registration.

Feel free to 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), with any questions.

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

School Food Pantry: Every Tuesday, 12:00 pm Curbside drive-up only.

Technology Support for families: Every Tuesday at the District Office

Online Registration for all grades is available on the district website! Paper registrations will be accepted in the district office. Please email Principal Jacobson: [mjacobson@busd.org](mailto:mjacobson@busd.org) if you have any questions.

**Weekly Grab-and-Go Student Lunch/Breakfast: Monday only at Taylor Mountain 11 am - 1 pm**

## **DISTRICT SUPPORT**

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

Extended school year (ESY) is underway for our students who have these services listed on their IEP. Services are delivered via the distance learning model. ESY runs through July 3rd.

On June 15, 2020, North Bay Children's Center will be opening one daycare classroom at our Early Learning Center. This is for families who are essential workers and who were already enrolled in the NBCC program prior to shelter in place order and school closures. The NBCC staff have received extensive training on sanitization and procedures to ensure safety. This is an excellent opportunity to pilot and observe social distancing and student interaction.

### **Human Resources: Siara Goyer, Director**

All 2020-2021 Work Calendars have been posted on the website as well as sent to all staff via their District emails.

All Reasonable Assurances for applicable staff were due by June 1, 2020. Please return this form either via email ([sgoyer@busd.org](mailto:sgoyer@busd.org)) or by mail (to the District office with attn: HR). I have not received forms from some employees so will be sending an email to those individuals this week.

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

Please use the Social Distancing Symptom Screening Questionnaire to help increase health awareness and healthy environment at our school sites for our staff and vendors. [Social Distancing Symptom Screening Questionnaire](#)

The discing of the high weeds in our field on the corner of Hearn & Dutton Meadow will begin this next week to establish a defensible space for fires.

@Bellevue ES we are nearing completion of the plaster, fascia repairs, phase 1 and 2 of the single-ply TPO roof. Exterior painting has begun. 6/8/20 the plan set for HVAC retrofit was being submitted to the Department of State Architecture Office for review and approval.

@Meadow View has the new lunch tables and benches being manufactured for the MPR. New fence around the Kinder play yard and amendment of the fence and office entrance has product ordered and will be beginning soon.

@Kawana Springs ES is nearing completion of the phase 1 and 2 of the single-ply TPO roof. The sewer project is progressing very nicely.

@ Taylor Mountain ES the Kinder play yard amendment of the fence has product ordered and will be beginning soon. The preventative maintenance repairs to the gas regulators throughout the campus have been completed.

Additional essential projects are progressing nicely throughout our District.

Please send any questions or maintenance requests you may have about our facilities to [mohelp@busd.org](mailto:mohelp@busd.org).

Thank you!

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

**(1) FY 2020/2021 BUDGET:** The District is in the process of drafting its initial budget for the next fiscal year based on the most up to financial assumptions and guidance provided by the State of California and the County Office of Education. At this time, the key financial assumptions include a 10% reduction in LCFF (the local control funding formula, which provides a base and supplemental funding per student attendance), and delayed allocations in revenue both in the current and following fiscal year. Although the State Legislature has proposed a competing budget that strikes the aforementioned negative assumptions from the State budget, until a formal budget is ratified, the District has been advised by its advisory organizations to maintain assumptions on the Governor's May Budget Revision. The District's Budget for Adoption will be available for public inspection starting on June 16th, and a public hearing will take place on June 23rd. The Board will subsequently take action on the budget on June 30th.

**(2) BOND OVERSIGHT:** We would like your continued help in finding members for the District's Citizen's Bond Oversight Committee. The Committee must consist of at least seven members of which: one member must be an active member of the business community; one member must be active in a senior citizens' organization; one member must be active in a taxpayers' organization; one member must be a parent or guardian of a child enrolled in the district; and, one member must be the parent or guardian of an enrolled child and be active in a parent-teacher organization. The final 2 members must be community members "at large" (on call) and all members must be appointed by the BUSD Board of Trustees. No District employee or officer, vendor, contractor nor consultant may serve on the Committee. If you know of anyone who would fit these roles, please contact Chris Kim at [business@busd.org](mailto:business@busd.org) asap.

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

We are here for you parents! Reach the technology team by calling 1-707-544-8164 or emailing [ithelp@busd.org](mailto:ithelp@busd.org). The Technology team will continue to assist families at the District Office through the summer on Tuesdays from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM. Special accommodations can be made for families who are unable to meet with us during this time.

### **Superintendent's Office, Moriah Hart, Executive Assistant**

We're working on our end of year student data reconciliation and annual end of year review and updating of student materials and the website.

Please look for BUSD COVID updates on our Facebook page, our website, peachjar and via text, email, and our mobile app.

If you are not receiving notices or your contact information needs to be updated, please contact your school site.

In partnership with you,

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Superintendent

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