



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,

Wow, with so many moving parts and thoughts regarding how best to reopen schools for the 2020/21 and how best to serve our students, we all recognize there is not going to be a one size fits all approach or an easy answer to these complex challenges. Here is a quick overall of where we are in the process.

Our District Strategic Planning Team 2.0 Meeting was held on Tuesday, June 16. This is the first meeting after the current release of:

- *CDE Guidelines for Opening Schools: [Stronger Together: A Guidebook for the Safe Reopening of California Public Schools](#)*
- *Sonoma County 2020-21 Roadmap to a Safe Reopening: Key Considerations for Sonoma County Schools to Address the Challenges of Covid-19*

These documents illustrate the complexity of the variables all schools must work through to reopen our schools.

The opportunity to provide input during the meeting was collected via a shared document which included questions, concerns, and comments. Also shared was the request to meet with each employee association to discuss the reopening. In addition, a draft of the parent and staff survey was shared to seek input. Directly following the DSPT 2.0 meeting the educational leadership team met to discuss the input provided thus far.

The finalized staff and parent survey based on the current guidance will be going out by ASAP.

The DSPT 2.0 and Leadership teams will review the information collected from the surveys to determine the best approach for the upcoming school year.

We have also created a shared doc for all staff to share ideas. [Bellevue Union School District Input questions, concerns or comments for reopening schools from staff](#). Please feel free to add to this open document.

All this information will be provided to our DSPT 2.0 team and Leadership to examine possible scenarios. This input gathering process will occur this week and next.

Our next DSPT 2.0 meeting is Tuesday, June 23 and will continue each Tuesday as needed.

We are also planning an opportunity for a meeting for parents to share their input after we have the chance to organize the options strengths and challenges.

We are hopeful that we can share a plan to reopen with our Board on July 21, 2020, if not sooner.

After the plans are approved, we will share the plan with our parents and provide a questionnaire to ask them to commit to the model(s) to start the school year.

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 Office Manager, Karina kmartinez@busd.org Parent Liaison, Amy 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 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 or Office Manager Susy Bradley 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 TK-6th grade. The district office remains open for in person registration, or please visit busd.org for online registration.

Feel free to email Principal Walker, jwalker@busd.org Office Manager Ana Peoples, apeoples@busd.org , Office Assistant- Isabel Luna, imluna@busd.org, or Parent Liaison Natali Ramirez, 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 if you have any questions.

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

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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.

I have a few employees who still need to turn in their Reasonable Assurances. I have contacted these employees. Please return this form either via email (sgoyer@busd.org) or by mail (to the District office with attn: HR).

All Certificated Employment Agreements will go out via USPS next week. Please return these agreements no later than July 17, 2020.

If you have turned in an intent to take coursework, please make sure your official transcripts are returned to my office asap. This is for Certificated Staff.

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 has been completed to establish a defensible space for fires.

@Bellevue ES we have completed the plaster, fascia repairs. Phase 1 and 2 of the single-ply PVC roof is almost complete. Exterior painting has begun and is due to be complete 7/17. 6/8/20 the plan set for HVAC retrofit was being submitted to the Department of State Architecture Office for review and approval, upon approval we will be going out to bid for our HVAC retrofit.

@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. The retrofit to the front entrance to make our campus more secure is due to begin 6/29.

@Kawana Springs ES is nearing completion of the phase 1 and 2 of the single-ply PVC roof. The sewer project will be completed next week.

@ Taylor Mountain ES the Kinder play yard amendment of the fence has product ordered and will be beginning soon.

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.

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. The California State Legislature met on Monday, June 15th and passed a Fiscal Year 2020–21 budget bill that staves off immediate and dramatic reductions to K–12 education, however, the spending plan is far from final as negotiations with the Governor’s Office continue. The Legislature’s action meets the requirement that lawmakers pass a balanced budget by midnight on June 15th. At this time, Governor Gavin Newsom has 12 days to act on the measure. As of today, the Governor and the State Legislature have not come to an agreement. The two sides will continue to negotiate and adopt an amended budget that will help answer major financial questions that are still outstanding during this unprecedented crisis. Regardless of the budgetary uncertainty and the ultimate impact on the District’s specific operations and budget, the District is statutorily required to pass a budget. A public hearing is therefore scheduled to take place on June 23rd and the Board will subsequently take action on the budget on June 30th. That said, the District fully expects a revised budget to be drafted following the August revision of the State Budget.

(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 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. 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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