



# 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,

Welcome back to school! **School begins virtually on Monday, August 17th.** Although school will start much differently than last year, our staff has been diligently working *to ensure* a high-quality distance education. This includes:

- Access to devices & connectivity for all kids
- Daily live interaction with teachers and other students
- Challenging assignments equivalent to in-person classes
- Adapted lessons for English language learners and special education students.

Each school site has sent out specific school details in a separate email such as:

- **First day of school**
  - Include starting day and time
  - What will school hours be?
  - Will students have a chance to meet their teacher, virtually or in person, before the start of school?
  - What school supplies do children need for the start of school? Will any be provided?
- **What will remote learning look like:**
  - What will the expectations be for the student and parent?
  - What will the school schedule look like for students?
  - How many hours will be spent in virtual instruction?
  - How will attendance be taken?

[Tips for Distance Learning Success](#) [In Spanish](#)

[FAQs About Students' Rights to Privacy in Educational Records While Engaging in Distance Learning](#)

### *Child Care*

#### **COOL School Program**

COOL School Program Manager, Melissa Moore reported the Cool School Program is starting programming on Monday, August 17th, from 8:00 AM to 3:30 PM daily. COOL School Site Supervisors contacted families this week regarding enrollment and classes are forming. Each site has between two and four classroom cohorts beginning on Monday, serving 24 to 48 students per site. COOL School thanks our community for participating in the needs survey and we hope we can expand services in upcoming months to offer more spaces to families and children in need.

There are additional resources available throughout our community found in this link.

[Community Distance Learning Support/Childcare Resources](#)

## Technology Support, Lawrence Black, Director

### Access to wi-fi, computers, etc.

All students are entitled and encouraged to use district provided computers and tablets.

For families with limited or no access to internet at home, please talk with your school about available WiFi hotspots.

Parents should call their students school for information about when to come in to pickup a device.

For Tech support needs please email [ithelp@busd.org](mailto:ithelp@busd.org) or call 1-707-544-8164

Devices are intended for student use only. For more information see our student take home agreements.

[English](#)   [Spanish](#)

## Food Services, Kayla Todd, Food Program Manager

Beginning Monday, August 17th we will be transitioning to a Grab and Go for each site. As mandated by the state, this will be for students enrolled in Bellevue Union School District only unless circumstances change.

Below are the delivery times and food service times for each site for a **Monday Grab and Go food service of 5 days worth of breakfast and lunch:**

-Kawana Elementary: **10am-12pm serve meals at curbside.**

-Taylor Mountain Elementary: **10:30am-12:30pm serve meals at curbside.**

-Bellevue Elementary: **11am-1pm serve meals at curbside.**

-Meadow View Elementary: **11:30am-1:30pm serve meals at curbside.**

When picking up your students' meals please provide the District employee standing outside, the name of your student and their teacher's name, you will then be handed a meal through your car window.

School meals will look different than they did in the spring because universal free meals for anyone who wants them has not currently been funded by the federal government. General information is available [here](#) [In Spanish here](#).

- *Who will be eligible for free meals?* We are a Provision 2 District meaning all our students eat for **Free** regardless of their eligibility status.
- If you have a newly enrolled student for the 2020-2021 School Year, please fill out an Alternative Income Form. You can find the form on our website at <https://www.bUSD.org/Page/55> or you can ask for a copy at your students school site office.

## Thank you for your support!

We are all in a learning mode and thus throughout this journey we will learn better ways to adapt to our COVID pandemic and meet the needs of our students.

The first day packet will be available online through data confirmation 08/17/2020. The packets and important notifications/documents will continue to be accessible on the website at [www.bUSD.org/notifications](http://www.bUSD.org/notifications) Paper copies of the "Opening Packet" will be provided upon request.

We thank you in advance for all your support in your child's education.

In partnership,

Dr. David Alexander

Superintendent

## BUSD Reopening Plan Updates:

[2020-2021 Presentation to BUSD Governing Board on 7/21/2020](#)

[08/04/2020 FINAL Re-Opening Plan/ plan de reapertura final](#)

CDE released an online FAQ on [distance learning](#).

## SCHOOL SITE SUPPORT:

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

First day of Distance Academy (online): Monday, August 17th Check your student's email to access Zoom links and accept your Google Classroom invite.

Family Orientations Meetings to be held Aug. 17-21. Teachers will be reaching out to schedule in-person or virtual meetings.

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

Week of breakfast and lunch 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**

We are excited to start our school year with you!

First day of Distance Academy (online): Monday, August 17th Check your student email to access Zoom links and accept your Google Classroom invite.

School hours: 8:00-2:30 Live sessions will vary by grade level. Teachers will communicate schedules with you.

Devices, supplies and materials will be provided in coordination with your child's teacher.

Parent/teacher orientations: Mon-Weds, Aug 17-19, by appointment with teacher

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

Grab-and-Go lunches: Mondays from 10:00-12:00

Please call or stop by with questions. Masks and social distancing required for the safety of all.

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**

Meadow View staff is excited to see everyone virtually on Monday, August 17th. We will be having student/parent/teacher orientations August 17-21st. Teachers will be reaching out to schedule in-person or virtual meetings. All grades will be holding virtual class meetings starting August 17th. Please check your child's email for the link and a special message from your child's teacher. Grab-and Go lunches 11:30 am-1:30 pm every Monday. Food Pantry is every Tuesday @ 2:00 through the parking lot loop. Our Main Office will be open 8am- 4pm. Masks and social distancing required for the safety of all. We are still accepting kindergarten and new student registrations. 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**

The Taylor Mountain School Staff is busy getting ready for our first day of Distance Academy on Monday, Aug. 17, 2020. Check your child's email for a link to the First-Day -of-School virtual class meeting link! Our student, parent, and teacher orientations will begin on Monday Aug. 17. Teachers will be reaching out to schedule in-person or virtual meetings.

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You may email or call Principal 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) with any questions.

## DISTRICT SUPPORT:

### **Curriculum/English Learners, Aracely Romos-Flores**

Hello Families! I am so very excited to have joined your amazing BUSD team in the role of Director of Curriculum and English Learners, and am very much looking forward to getting to know you all very soon. In the meantime, we recognize that we are about to embark on a shared journey through one of the most extraordinary school years ever, and will be navigating through perhaps the most disruptive time in education with information constantly evolving. Our teachers have been busy exploring and learning how best to support students in this new virtual reality and we look forward to welcoming them to our virtual classrooms on Monday, August 17, 2020.

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

Welcome back to our students, families, and staff. The student services department is working to provide our special services through distance learning. We are looking forward to seeing students' faces and are committed to providing services. On behalf of all our staff, we thank you in advance for your patience and understanding as we embark on this unique year. Staff are more knowledgeable than we were in the spring when the shelter in place order was first announced. Now, we will apply those lessons to our teaching practice and continue to serve our students. Service providers for OT, speech, and ERMHS counseling will be reaching out to set up service times for those who have services in their IEPs. School counselors will also be available to support our students.

Our school nurse will schedule hearing and vision screenings, especially for kindergarteners and 2nd graders. Hearing and vision are important regardless of learning in person or online.

The following is information about a community resource. It is not a district sponsored program. However, inclusion is beneficial for those with and without disabilities. A group in Sonoma County has started Common Ground Connections. The mission of this group is to create an inclusive Sonoma County. *"Common Ground will be pairing typically developing children with friends who have disabilities. Creating mutually beneficial friendships through this process, both families will be "volunteering" their time. Anyone who is a part of this program can earn volunteer hours. We will be providing some training and tips to help everyone feel more comfortable.*

*Your loved one will be paired with a friend to keep a connection during and after the Shelter in Place has been lifted. You can also use this form to sign up to help volunteer to run the program! Thank you for your patience as we figure this all out and get it into motion."* If you are interested in learning more,, click this link to [Common Ground](#) and fill out the survey.

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

Join the BUSD team! Check out Edjoin.org for several exciting employment opportunities with the Bellevue Union School District.

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

Looking forward to sharing a Summary of our 2020 Spring/Summer Facility Projects completed and our 5 Year Facility Plan at our Tuesday, 8/18 Board Meeting.

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**

An overview of the District's 45 Day Budget Revision will be presented to the Board of Trustees at the regularly scheduled meeting on August 18, 2020. The official revision of the FY 2020.21 budget, including an updated cash flow statement, multi year projection, and criteria and standards report will be presented to the Board in September in conjunction with the District's presentation of the FY 2019/20 unaudited actuals.

**Information Technology, Lawrence Black, Director**

The Technology Department is hard at work providing new tools for our families and staff. This year we are fully supporting the Zoom and Google Meet teleconferencing tools. Similarly we are in the process of supporting Remind for our staff to be able to communicate with you easier. Get the Remind app on the [play store](#) or [app store](#) and check in with your student's teacher.

We will be announcing parent support times soon. Look for details next week for in person support. In the meantime, please continue to send emails to [ithelp@busd.org](mailto:ithelp@busd.org) or call 1-707-544-8164

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

The Superintendent's Office has been sending out weekly newsletters/newsbriefs this summer.

If you are a continuing parent and did not receive notice about the 8/5/2020 newbrief by email or text from the Bellevue Union School District Office please call your school office to update your contact information.

All newsletters/newsbriefs are posted on [www.bUSD.org](http://www.bUSD.org) as well as [www.facebook.com/bUSD.org](https://www.facebook.com/bUSD.org)

We also have a mobile phone app that can be downloaded via the apple store or google play:

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