



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.

Reopening Update 8/5/20

Dear Bellevue Union School District Families and Staff,

Last night (Tuesday, August 4, 2020) our school board adopted the [BUSD Return to School Plan for 2020/2021](#).

The start of the new school year is right around the corner. While we are scheduled to begin with distance learning in accordance with state mandates, our teachers and school staff are excited to meet our new students and families when ***school begins virtually on Monday, August 17th***.

Your school and your child's teacher will be reaching out to parents soon with details including your necessary technology, including computers and hot spots (if needed).

Our school district is ensuring 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.

The first day packet will be available online through data confirmation. The packets and important notifications/documents will continue to be accessible on the website at 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](#)

[2020-2021 Return to School Plan Draft 7/21/2020](#)

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

Food Services Department, Kayla Todd, Food Program Manager

Grab and Go Free Summer Meals currently extended to August 10th, 2020 from 11am-1pm at Taylor Mountain Elementary.

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.**

SCHOOL SITE SUPPORT:

Bellevue: Nina Craig, Principal

Office Hours: Monday - Friday 8:00am-4pm beginning August 3rd! Please respect social distancing protocols. We miss you all and can't wait to see you all very soon! Details and dates coming soon! Stay tuned! Please call or stop by for information regarding registration for any grade! Email Principal Craig ncraig@busd.org Office Manager, Karina kmartinez@busd.org Parent Liaison, Amy aflorescasares@busd.org with any questions.

Kawana Springs: Denise McCullough, Principal

Students and families, we've missed you! We are gearing up for the start of a very different school year! More information to come soon...

Our office staff will be available to support you from Monday-Friday, 8:00-4:00 p.m. beginning August 3rd. Please call or stop on campus with questions. Masks and social distancing required for the safety of all. We are still accepting registrations!

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

Meadow View: Jean Walker, Principal

Meadow Staff misses students and families! We have been busily planning all the details for a successful school year. More information coming soon.....

Food Pantry will continue for our families and community every Tuesday 2:00 through the parking lot loop. Our Main Office will be open 8 am - 4 pm beginning Aug. 3, 2020. We are still accepting kindergarten and new student registrations. 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. The new Kindergarten fence and front office entry way is complete to ensure safety for our staff and students.

Taylor Mountain: Margaret Jacobson, Principal

Taylor Mountain students and families: We miss you! Our staff is busily planning all the details of a successful 2020-21 school year for you! We look forward to sharing all the information you will need in the coming weeks. Our Main Office will be open 8 am - 4 pm beginning Aug. 3, 2020 to process new student registrations and answer questions. Please call or stop by; social distancing and face masks are required for your safety. School Food Pantry will continue for our families and community every Tuesday at 12:00 pm in the car line. Please email Principal Jacobson: mjacobson@busd.org, Office Manager Julie Roza: jroza@busd.org, Office Assistant Hope Leon: hleon@busd.org or Parent Liaison Juana Solis: jsolis@busd.org

Weekly Grab-and-Go Student Lunch/Breakfast will continue through Aug. 10: Monday at Taylor Mountain, 11 am - 1 pm

Cool School Program, Melissa Moore

COOL School is working closely with BUSD to offer services to children in need as the school year begins in a full time distance learning format. If your child(ren) will need a safe place to go during the school day, while you are working, please fill out this survey and COOL School will connect with you:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf9rgkZmpb04mm-3713HoZYlKe8FxYyCIM6Farv72OpuNpLXw/vie/wform>

Please note, this survey will close on Friday, August 7th.

DISTRICT SUPPORT:

Curriculum/English Learners, Aracely Romos-Flores

It is my honor to announce the hiring of Aracely Romo-Flores as our Curriculum/English Learner Director. Aracely is a highly successful educator with deep roots in Sonoma County. She is coming to us from the Sonoma County Office of Education as Director of Continuous Improvement. She has vast experience including; Director of English Learners and State and Federal Programs for Santa Rosa City Schools, bilingual elementary school teacher, reading intervention teacher, assistant principal, principal for 13 years and Title VII Director. Aracely has also worked with UC Davis School of Education as a Facilitator for the Principals' Support Network. We are very blessed to have her join our BUSD team!

Student Services/Special Education, Tracy Whitaker, Director

Student Services is preparing for the new school year. We are holding an orientation and training for our new special education teachers and school psychologist! Our office team has completed our certification process, adjusted caseloads in SEIS, prepared files for transfer for those students headed to middle school, and many other tasks that must be completed over the summer. We are working diligently to ensure we are ready to support our students as we begin the year in distance learning. Our department teachers, service providers, and staff are committed to the learning success of all our students.

As the COVID-19 Coordinator, I am working collaboratively with directors, principals, and the school nurse to ensure our school and office environments are as safe as possible. A health and safety training was held on August 3 for the employees who are returning. Additional training will be scheduled as groups of staff return to work. In addition, you will notice new signage reminding all of us to wear masks and practice social distancing protocols. We thank you for your cooperation in supporting the health and wellness of our school community.

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 providing a presentation at our August 18th Board Meeting as to how the facility improvement projects throughout our sites unfolded these past few months. Some highlights that you might want to drive by and see is the Great Exterior Paint at our Bellevue ES, the New Fences around the Kinder Play Area at Taylor Mountain and Meadow View ES and the New Roofs at Bellevue and Kawana Springs ES. 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

The Learning Loss Mitigation Funding (LLMF) is comprised of three different funding sources: The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act; the Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER) funds; and revenues allocated through the state General Fund (GF). The Learning Loss Mitigation Funding (LLMF), authorized by the 2020–21 budget package, appropriates up to \$2,133,111 in one time funding to the Bellevue Union School District to directly support pupil academic achievement and mitigate learning loss related to COVID-19 school closures.

Information Technology, Lawrence Black, Director

The IT Team is gearing up to redeploy equipment to new students and provide grade level intended technology to returning students.

Network maintenance has been concluded at all sites.

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 have not received notifications by email or text from the Bellevue Union School District Office over the summer please call your school office to update your contact information. If you are a new parent all new parents/guardians have now been updated in our student communication system.

All newsletters/newsbriefs are posted on www.busd.org as well as www.facebook.com/busd.org

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

www.busd.org/app

Continuing Student Opening Packet/Data Confirmation

The District Office is working to streamline the annual parent notifications and cut down on paper by utilizing our student information system to do online data confirmation for all continuing students. Parents will receive instructions on the process when all updates are made and the system is ready to go live. It is important that contact information and healthcare sections are completed fully. Online data confirmation is in place of the hefty "Opening Packet" we normally send home with all students on the first day of school. The packets and important notifications/documents will continue to be accessible on the website at

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