



DISTRICT NEWS BRIEF & UPDATES

March 14, 2021

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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,

By now you have heard we are in the less restrictive red tier effective today Sunday, March 14. This change is a result of the state's decision to adjust the minimum case rate requirement for transition to red from 7 to 10 per 100,000 once California finished administering 2 million vaccine doses in the state's 400 zip codes that have been most disproportionately impacted by the virus. With the adjustment of the requirements for the red tier, the state credited Sonoma County with two weeks of maintaining less than 10 cases per 100,000. Based on this decision, Sonoma County was being allowed to enter the red tier at 12:01 a.m. on Sunday, March 14.

This means that all schools, regardless of grade level, are eligible to reopen as long as they have posted their COVID-19 Safety Plan publicly for at least 5 days. Many school districts have already planned for a reopening of their TK-6 classrooms over the next few weeks. You can read more about the change in the [California Department of Public Health's Press release](#).

Staff Vaccination Update: In an effort to keep you informed on our progress in vaccinating school employees, please see the following [community update](#) and [infographic \(attached\)](#).

Since our Board presentation we have revised the graphic representation of the concurrent hybrid model for clarification.

For the most current BUSD updates, please be sure to visit our webpage. The link to our COVID-19 information can be found on the home page as you scroll down on the right hand side. Click on the space labeled, [Click Here for COVID News](#).

Town Hall Meetings

A big thank you to all our parents who joined us at last week's town hall meetings. Great questions!

Classified and Certified town meetings are scheduled for this next week.

Classified Town Hall: Wednesday, March 17, 2021 4:00 pm

Certificated Town Hall: Thursday, March 18, 2021 4:00 pm

Board Meetings

Special Board Meeting: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 6:00pm

3. Informational

3.1. COVID-19 Updates, Tracy Whitaker, M.A. Director of Student Services & BUSD COVID-19 Coordinator and David Alexander, Ed.D., Superintendent

3.2. March 2021 Parent and Staff Survey Report Presentations, David Alexander, Ed.D., Superintendent

4. Action

4.1. Consider Approval of Resolution No 12: Declaring Instructional Method for 2020-2021 Timeline Extended for Non-Use of In-person Direct Instruction.

Special Board Meeting Tuesday, March 30, 2021 6:00pm

Resources:

1. The SCOE Communications team has developed a frequently asked questions section available now at scoe.org/vaccines. This reflects the most common questions received to date and will be updated to reflect new questions and changing information. A Spanish version will be available early next week.
2. [COVID-19 and Reopening In-Person Instruction Framework & Public Health Guidance for K-12 Schools in California, 2020-2021 School Year.](#)
3. [Sonoma County Coronavirus Data at Glance](#)

SCHOOL SITE SUPPORT:

Bellevue: Nina Craig, Principal

Registration for 2021-22 School Year Open! Complete it online, call, or come by the office!

Hiring for Special Education Instructional Aide - Please call if you're interested! 542-5195

Upcoming Meetings/Events:

ELPAC Testing Continues

Report Cards Mailed Home on March 10th

Picture Re-Take Day March 17th 12pm-3pm (Stop by MPR)

Weekly Meals and Food Pantry Tuesday 12:00

Office hours: Monday-Friday 8:00-4:00

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

Kindergarten Registration is open! Register online or stop by our office today!

We have openings for Special Education Instructional Assistants- please email Principal McCullough or call the office if interested! 545-4283

Upcoming Meetings/Events:

School Site Council- Thursday, March 18 2:30 p.m.

Spring Break, March 22-26

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

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

Grab-and-Go lunches: Tuesdays, 10:00-12:00 p.m.

You may email or call Principal McCullough dmccullough@busd.org, Office Manager Susy Bradley sbradley@busd.org, or Parent Liaison Angelina Estrada aestrada@busd.org with any questions.

Meadow View: Jean Walker, Principal

Registration for the 2021-2022 School Year is Open! Register online, call or stop by our office today!

Upcoming Meetings & Events:

ELAC meeting- Thursday, March 17th 5:30 pm

ELPAC testing continued

Grab n Go meals Tuesday 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, Office Manager Ana Peoples, apeoples@busd.org, Office Assistant- Isabel Luna, imluna@busd.org, or Parent Liaison Natali Ramirez, nramirez@busd.org.

Taylor Mountain: Margaret Jacobson, Principal

We are hiring for the Parent Liaison position in Taylor Mountain's main office. Call if you are interested!
Kindergarten Registration is open. Register online or stop by our office today!

Upcoming Meetings/Events:

Tuesday, March 16: 6th gr Slater Middle School Orientation Zoom. Your child's 6th grade teacher will host this meeting and has all of the details for your student.

Thursday, March 18: New Student and Kindergarten Orientation Zoom 11:30 am [Link here](#)

Friday, March 19 9:00 am: School-Wide Santa Rosa Symphony Assembly. Zoom link will be sent.

Grab n Go meals Tuesday 10:30 am-1:30 pm

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

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; Office Manager Julie Roza jroza@busd.org, Office Asst. Hope Leon hleon@busd.org

DISTRICT SUPPORT:

Curriculum and English Learners, Aracely Romo-Flores

We are currently in the process of testing all of our emerging bilingual students (students who are learning English as their second language) with the state mandated Summative English Language Proficiency Assessment for California (ELPAC). The results of this test inform us on how students are progressing in their English development in listening, speaking, reading, and writing. It will also inform us if students are ready to be reclassified as Reclassified Fluent English Proficient (RFEP), which is what we want for all of our emerging bilingual students. Please help us explain to your children how important this test is and how important it will be for them to do their very best on this. Thank you!

Student One Card: Sonoma County Library

Looking for a way to check out books from your local library during distance learning? Check out these tutorial videos that will support you in setting up a Student One Card.



Curbside pickup is available Monday / Tuesday from 12:00pm - 7:00pm and Wednesday - Saturday from 10:00am - 5:00pm

English Video Link:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1MI3mcGYWF4&list=PL2s5IYj17_WqKR4rVD6M7uwLs9qYs4NIU&index=2

Spanish Video Link:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u0J0Hu0Wdlc&list=PL2s5IYj17_WqKR4rVD6M7uwLs9qYs4NIU

Student Services, Tracy Whitaker, Director

First, it is exciting to share our preschool special day class opened on a limited basis for in-person instruction. Brianna Furner and her team Gloria Reyes & Savannah Carrillo have done a wonderful job supporting students and staying safe! Some students are still in distance learning as the determination of which students would attend in person were based on a rubric with extensive criteria. Both the in-person and distance learning aspects of the program are running well. A big thank you to Brianna, Gloria & Savannah for making this happen!

The district's Multi-Tiered Systems Support (MTSS) committee met on March 3, 2021. The committee discussed the impacts they and their colleagues are noticing on the social emotional health of students as well as a reduction in engagement. This is not all students, but impacts are noticed district wide. The goal of the MTSS Committee this year is to select a Social Emotional Learning (SEL) curriculum to implement across the district. The committee will still address this goal, however, with the possible return to in-person instruction,

it was important to discuss current challenges and how we might provide additional support for our students. A big thank you to the MTSS Committee for their honest, thoughtful input and rich discussion.

Information Technology, Lawrence Black, Director

We are open at our Learning Center office at 2641 Dutton Meadow from 8:00-4:00 for all parent support needs. English and Spanish support available.

- Email - ithelp@busd.org
- Call - 1-707-544-8164

If you are needing support to access the internet please reach out to your school offices and talk with us about your needs.

Human Resources: Siara Goyer, Director

Join the BUSD team! Applications for job opportunities and more at Bellevue Union School District can be found at Edjoin.org. Please Note: While Siara is out on Maternity Leave, Lindsay McLaughlin will be assisting in the HR office. Her email is lmclaughlin@busd.org for any HR questions or concerns.

Food Services; Kayla Todd, Food Program Manager

Curbside meal pick is Tuesday every week.

Please note that the meals are “grab and go” and will include 5 days worth of meals.

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

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

Maintenance & Operations, Roger Farrell, Director

Bellevue Elem HVAC Improvement project is moving forward with work having begun the first week in March. Kawana Springs: We are working with DSA & our architectural firm to perform preliminary structural analysis to confirm how best to provide the much needed expansion of our Kitchen, MPR and remodel of our Admin areas.

Bids are being provided for significant Concrete and Asphalt improvement work at Kawana Springs, Bellevue and Meadow View.

In addition to these milestones we continued this week to make progress on preparations for the reopening of schools & the planning required to perform YEAR 2 projects from our [BUSD Facility 5 Year Plan](#) at our other sites.

Business Services, Chris Kim, CBO

The District presented its 2nd Interim Fiscal Report to the Board of Trustees on March 9th which included some key adjustments to the District’s Budget including: (1) A projected decrease in Special Education Expenditures for the year; (2) various budgetary line item savings to the General Fund associated with the absence of in person learning (i.e. the cost of substitutes); (3) a decrease in the State’s projected cash deferrals, meaning a positive cash position for the District; and (4) insight into the proposed Federal Government’s ESSER II Funding associated with the 2nd round of coronavirus relief act funding, and additional grants proposed by the State of California through Assembly Bill 86 which allocate funding to support Districts’ return to in-person learning.

The District also presented the schedule of findings from the official Audit of its FY 2019/2020 Financials and the 2019/20 Measures J and C Bonds by Christy White and Associates.

All the aforementioned reports and presentations are available on the District’s website at www.busd.org.

Executive Assistance, Moriah Hart

New student registration is open both [online](#) and hard copy packets available at the school sites. Students eligible for kindergarten are 5 years old on or before September 1, 2021. Students turning 5 years old September 2 through December 2, 2021 are eligible for TK (transitional kinder). Depending on space we may accept students born December 3rd through March 1 to what we call TK plus. To register you will need a copy of the birth certificate, proof of residence (PG&E or water bill, lease), immunizations, physical and dental exam. Please call your school office with any questions.

Check out our COVID news page www.busd.org/COVID for all of our newsletters (In Spanish & English), board presentations, and links to county and state reopening guidelines that all districts must meet. We are also putting together a frequently asked questions section.

In partnership with you,

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