



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,

Attendance Matters

No matter what schools look like this year, our district's pledge is to create a culture of achievement for every student, everyday! Today, school attendance is showing up and participating. We know that attendance and participation are directly linked to students achievement and success. All of us here at Bellevue Union School District are dedicated to ongoing communication, support and encouragement around the importance of showing up. In the elementary years, children who miss school are more likely to struggle academically and, in later years, to dropout entirely. Attendance is a top indicator of being on track for graduation and for college and career readiness.

Although there are times when your child cannot participate, it's important to keep in mind that missing just a couple days a month can have a severe impact on your child's success. If there are issues preventing your child from connecting and participating, please reach out to your teacher, principal or school staff to discuss any concerns so we can help. Together we are making a difference!

Mission Vision, Values, Goals and Strategic Planning

In our newsletter last week I wrote about our mission, vision, values and goals. I mentioned, we as a district developed these important guiding forces through a collaborative process. We look forward to gathering additional input from you this year to strengthen our support for our students.

In addition, I shared the collaborative process is important. This is accomplished through gathering input through various stakeholders' meetings to develop our Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP). There are many opportunities to share your input. The stakeholder groups include (but not limited to): District Level Town Meetings (Last year we used Board Meeting Study Sessions), District Strategic Planning Teams, School Site Parent Groups, District English Learners Advisory Committee (DELAC), English Learners Advisory Committee (ELAC, at each school site) School Site Councils, Students, Teachers Staff, and our collective bargaining groups (BEA & CSEA). It is important to equally listen and gather input from each stakeholder group, not one group over shadowing or influencing the process over another. Every voice is heard and appreciated!

In addition, I invite you to send your input directly to my office. I collect this information, share out this input, as well as collate our community's input.

When considering what input we are seeking, there are a few guiding questions that may help you:

1. What do we need to do to support our students' success and learning?
2. What are the needs to help us connect to our students, parents, staff and greater community?

These questions will guide our planning in our new LCAP two major goals:

Student Success and Support Student Learning

- **Ensure quality learning for each and every student to reach their potential**

Connectedness and Involvement

- **Ensure a positive and respectful school climate for students, staff and families which includes positive school cultures, safe, secure, accessible and efficient classrooms, facilities and grounds.**

A third district goal, separate from the LCAP, but related to our work has been:

Organizational Growth, Management and Development

Ensure highly efficient support for all

As you consider what input to share, I would recommend placing your thoughts into two buckets:

1. What is going well for our students?... and what can make it even better (in those areas)?
2. What are challenges that need to be resolved for the success of our students?

The more specific details the better including your ideas (strategy or action) to make it work. From past experience many of the best solutions come from unexpected voices. Please be the voice for our students!

I would like to encourage you to provide your input through the lens that you wear, whether it is through the perspective of being a parent of our students, a student, a community member, or a staff member. Thank you in advance for being part of this process each year as we revise our plans according to the needs of our students.

Learning Center Planning

Update: The Learning Center development will consist of multiple phases. The first is preparing to house our educational services and technology departments. Currently, we are cleaning and preparing the main building in order to provide office and working space. Although we are concentrating on the here and now, and getting past the spider webs and dust, I am also engaged in conversations with various possible partnerships that would bring valuable resources to our school community as well as the city at large. We are excited at the limitless opportunities these untapped resources can provide our community.

SCHOOL SITE SUPPORT:

Bellevue: Nina Craig, Principal

Thanks for staying connected, Bulldogs! We miss seeing you all in person!

Upcoming Meetings & Events:

Oct. 19-23rd Outdoor Bookfair 12:00pm-4:00pm

Oct. 30 Drive-thru Halloween Parade 2:30pm

Call or stop by during office hours for tech support!

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

Weekly free meal pick up Mondays 11:00-1:00

Food Pantry Tuesdays 12:00-1:00

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

Thank you families, for hanging in there during these trying times! We appreciate you.

I enjoyed "chatting" with many of you at our "Chat with the Principal" virtual gathering.

Upcoming Meetings/Events:

Oct 22, 5:30 p.m- ELAC

Oct 29, 2:30 p.m.- School Site Council

Oct 30, 2:30 p.m.- Halloween drive-thru celebration

Oct 30, TBD- Student of the Month assembly

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

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

Technology support at the District Office daily, 8:00-4:00 p.m.

Grab-and-Go lunches: Mondays from 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 Erika Corrales ecorrales@busd.org with any questions.

Meadow View: Jean Walker, Principal

Thank you families for all your continued support and flexibility while we endure distance learning.

Upcoming Meetings/Events:

Oct 19th @ 5:30- School site Council

Oct 30th- Halloween drive thru (12:30-1:30 last names A-M & 1:30-2:30- last names N-Z)

Grab n Go meals every Monday 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 value and appreciate the dedication of our staff, students, and families to the distance learning program.

Upcoming Meetings/Events:

Oct. 23, 1:00 pm ELAC Meeting

Oct. 23, 2:00 pm School Site Council Meeting

Grab n Go meals every Monday 10:30 am-1:30 pm

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

Technology support at the District Office daily, 8:00-4:00 p.m.

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, or Parent Liaison Juana Solis jsolis@busd.org

Child Care

[Community Distance Learning Support/Childcare Resources](#) available throughout our community found in this link.

DISTRICT SUPPORT:

Food Services; Kayla Todd, Food Program Manager

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

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

Educational Services, Aracely Romo-Flores

District English Language Advisory Committee:

Each California public school district with 51 or more English learners must form a District English Learner Advisory Committee (DELAC). This group is comprised of parents from each of our school sites, staff, and community members. The purpose of this group is to advise our district leadership team on English learner programs and services. Although each school has an elected DELAC representative who attends these meetings, these meetings are public and open to anyone interested in participating.

BUSD's first DELAC meeting will be held virtually on October 22, 2020 from 6-7 p.m.

Here is the [Zoom link](#)

Meeting ID: 872 4146 4075

Passcode: 326761

Please consider joining us as our participation in the past has been low and we really want your input!

Business Operations, Chris J. Kim, Chief Business Official

A copy of the District's revised 2020/21 budget presentation and report can be found on the District's website on the Business Services Webpage. This budget was approved by the Board of Trustees on September 29th, and approved by the Sonoma County Office of Education on October 9th. The District will continue its analysis of its operating costs with the presentation of the 1st Interim Report in December. At the upcoming Board meeting scheduled for October 20th, the District will ask the Board to approve a line of credit with the County Treasury given a projected mid-year cash deficit.

Maintenance and Operations, Roger Farrell, Director

Tuesday, 10/20 at our Board Meeting we will be presenting the findings from our Kawana Springs Modernization Project Survey and discussing next steps. Following the meeting the full survey results will be posted on our website.

We welcome you to please spend some time reviewing our [BUSD Maintenance & Operations Webpage](#) where you can see the [BUSD Facility Improvements Accomplishments and Plans](#) to gain an understanding of what lies ahead to make our District Facilities. Additionally, there are some photos to give you a glimpse of some of the work that was accomplished this past spring and summer.

Please send any questions or maintenance requests you may have about our facilities to mohelp@busd.org. Thank you!

Information Technology, Lawrence Black, Director

Office hours will be from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm at the District office. 3150 Education dr Santa Rosa CA 95407. Spanish Language support available at all times. If travel is an issue, please contact us at the provided options below and we will schedule to meet you at a convenient location.

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

We are moving! Office hours will be suspended temporarily starting on 10/22 through 10/26. We will reopen Office hours 10/27 in our new office location at the BUSD Learning Center 2641 Dutton Meadow Ave. Santa Rosa 95407

If you are experiencing issues with Zoom or Google Meet connectivity, be sure to run a [speedof.me](https://www.speedof.me) test at home and let us know your results so we can best help you. We recommend at least **2Mbps up and down per person** who will be needing to use video conferencing when you are at home.

In partnership with you,

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