Good afternoon John Burroughs High School families, students, faculty and support staff.

As many of you are well aware, there has been a spotlight on campus safety all around the country, state and here in the Burbank Unified School District. This email is to inform you of the major upgrades to our School Safety.

The first and most noticeable change to our school is that the off campus Bungalows will no longer be used during the instructional day. A huge thank you to our World Language teachers that sacrificed personal time this summer to move to classrooms on campus. Effective immediately, students will not exit campus and cross the street to attend any class.

We have been working diligently with our technology department to have functional cameras installed on campus. The wiring is almost complete and the process of installing cameras will start the week of August 14th. The installation will have no effect on the school day for students, faculty or support staff. With full transparency, if installation goes smoothly, we will have 50+ operational security cameras activated within the first few weeks of school. I will send updates as appropriate.

As a school, we have officially moved to using the front door of the school as one point of entrance during the instructional day. Starting August 14th, every student will scan their ID card to enter campus using our Raptor system. Each student was issued a temporary ID card at registration that can be used until ID cards are issued. The functional ID card will be issued when school pictures are taken at the end of August. Please plan accordingly on the first few days of school. This is a change to our school culture, and we will need time to set new routines for all.

It is our goal, that on August 14th, during 1st period, students will be given a lanyard. The purpose of this lanyard is for students, faculty and staff to wear their ID card daily, so that it is visible at all times while on campus.

We are looking forward to a great school year!

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