

Dear BUSD Families, Students and Employees:

We understand how challenging the last few weeks have been for our students, families, and employees. We appreciate your support and patience during this difficult time. Based on current health information, the Los Angeles County Superintendent of Schools Dr. Debra Duardo has announced her recommendation to extend closure of all public schools until at least Tuesday, May 5, 2020 to help contain the spread of COVID-19. Governor Newsom has also asked us to prepare for not returning to a traditional learning environment this school year. As a reminder, beginning on March 30th teachers will receive professional development to transition to this new online distance learning model. As soon as possible during the week, teachers will reconnect with their students and will review content.

1. **Measure I:** Despite earning the support of more than 64% of voters, Measure I, a parcel tax measure that was on the March 2020 ballot, did not pass. Measure I would have raised over \$9 million a year to address the District's structural deficit, recruit and retain employees, and maintain and expand supports for our students. We want to thank the teachers, parents, students, classified employees, administrators, community leaders, and elected officials for their support of Measure I. This is a very challenging time for our schools, but we are optimistic that the community of Burbank will continue to unite together to navigate this health and financial crisis.
2. **Communications:** As a reminder, updates will be provided every **Tuesday** and **Thursday**. You may review previous updates and additional resources by clicking on the following link: <https://www.burbankusd.org/Page/2688>
3. **Instruction:** Google Classroom will be the main platform that we will be using to deliver instruction. You may learn more by clicking here, [Google Classroom Tutorial](#). Our teachers and instructional teams are developing content that will be made available via Google Classroom. In the meantime, if you want your child to access optional supplemental resources, please click on [Additional Online Resources](#). For families who do not have internet or devices, we will provide paper packets. In addition, we are working to secure additional devices for those families. We will prioritize distribution of devices for families on the Free or Reduced Meal Program, starting with high school students.
4. **Technology Needs:** Thank you for responding to the technology survey. If you have not completed the survey, please complete it as soon as possible. A reminder email and phone call will be distributed on Friday.

5. **Special Education:** During the week of March 30, your child's case carrier will be contacting you to touch base, provide support and guidance and provide you with a plan to implement your child's IEP through a different delivery model during the school closure. Remote instruction will begin for all students the week of April 6. Students with IEPs will receive special education and related services identified in their IEP, to the greatest extent possible, modified and delivered in an alternative manner.
  
6. **Child Care:** Child Care will continue to remain closed until we receive further guidelines from the California Department of Education and the California Department of Public Health.
  
7. **Social Distancing:** A reminder from the California Department of Public Health recommended folks stay home except for [essential needs](#). In addition, if you or your students are going for a walk or run, please keep six feet from each other.

Take care,

Matt Hill, Ed.D.

Superintendent