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Dear Families, Students, and Employees:

Many of you may have heard about Governor Newsom's aspiration to open schools as soon as possible. Please know this was not a mandate, just an idea that he suggested. We will work locally to discuss the best time to reopen schools. This discussion will be based on health and governmental guidelines that focus on the safety of students and employees. We are planning for multiple scenarios, but we do not have plans to open before our agreed upon start date of August 17th.

#### 1. Summer School

Based on current health and governmental guidelines, we will be offering a virtual summer school this year. The start date for summer school is June 1, 2020 and the end date is July 2, 2020. More information will be coming about specific times. The summer offerings are listed below:

### **Elementary**

1. Special Education (Extended School Year for those students who have ESY designated on their IEPs based on their unique needs): The Special Education department will contact families with more information about the program within the next two weeks. For questions regarding Special Education, please email Tamara Schiern, Director of Special Education at [tamaraschiern@burbankusd.org](mailto:tamaraschiern@burbankusd.org)
2. English Learners: Families with English Learners will receive an invitation to participate. For more information about the English Learner Summer School program, please email Dr. Peter Knapik, Director of Elementary Education at [peterknapik@burbankusd.org](mailto:peterknapik@burbankusd.org)
3. Learn, Grow, Thrive Program (YMCA): Unfortunately, we must cancel Learn, Grow, Thrive program this year. Please email Dr. Peter Knapik, Director of Elementary Education at [peterknapik@burbankusd.org](mailto:peterknapik@burbankusd.org) if you have any questions.
4. Dual Immersion Summer School: Unfortunately, we will need to cancel our Dual Immersion Summer School Program this year. Please email Dr. Peter Knapik, Director of Elementary Education at [peterknapik@burbankusd.org](mailto:peterknapik@burbankusd.org) if you have any questions.

## Secondary

1. Special Education extended school year and credit recovery (Extended School Year for those students who have ESY designated on their IEPs based on their unique needs. Credit recovery for specific subjects only.): The Special Education department will contact families with more information about the program within the next 2 weeks. For questions regarding Special Education, please email Tamara Schiern, Director of Special Education at [tamaraschiern@burbankusd.org](mailto:tamaraschiern@burbankusd.org)
2. English Learners: Families with English Learners will receive an invitation to participate. For more information about the English Learner Summer School program, please email Dr. John Paramo, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services at [johnparamo@burbankusd.org](mailto:johnparamo@burbankusd.org)
3. Initial Credit for Health: Health will be offered online via BUSD for initial credit for incoming freshman students.
4. Independent Learning Academy (ILA): ILA will offer its regular summer school program.
5. Outside Summer School Programs: The District is unable to provide a credit recovery program nor other initial credit courses except for Health. Students may petition to make up courses or take an initial credit course through an outside program. These courses need to be approved ahead of time by the Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, Dr. John Paramo. Please work with your school counselor to complete the petition.

## 2. End-of-Year Ceremonies

While we still want to have in-person end of year events, we will need to wait and see when we are allowed to have those events and what the restrictions will be for our students and families. In the meantime, school sites are working on creating virtual end of year events to celebrate the accomplishments of our students. Please know that our principals are collecting all suggestions and are looking at various options.

By continuing to work together, we will build a stronger BUSD. The next District update will be sent Thursday, **May 7th**.

Take care,



Matt Hill, Ed.D.  
Superintendent