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Dear Families, Students, and Employees:

We look forward to starting school on Monday, August 17th. Now that school is starting you will receive direct communications from your teachers and principals; therefore, in the coming weeks, I will not be sending a weekly Superintendent's Update. However, I will provide updates when new information is available.

As we plan for the beginning of a new school year that is truly like no other we have seen in the past, our focus remains on providing "Excellence and Equity" for our students, parents, and employees. At Burbank Unified, we strive to ensure that every child, every day is finding a way to feel connected, challenged by new learning and experiences, and guided with academic rigor and support.

The COVID-19 pandemic has challenged all of us to develop a new learning model. We greatly appreciate the dedication and expertise of our employees, the resilience of our students, and the partnership with our parents. Burbank is a special place and we are lucky to have the opportunity to educate our future leaders in such a caring community.

The District created four committees comprised of parents, students, staff, and Board of Education Members to work on reopening plans for this fall: (1) Instruction, (2) Social-Emotional Well-Being, (3) Family and Community Engagement, and (4) Operations and Health and Safety. While the decision was made to begin the school year with a distance learning model, we all look forward to returning to in-person instruction when it is deemed safe.

I believe Burbank Unified is uniquely positioned to build on our reputation of excellence and equity, while partnering with local officials, our supportive business community, and the committed and hardworking members of the Burbank Council PTA, to provide our students with the best educational experience possible.

Technology Support for Families Webinars in English, Spanish and Armenian: On Tuesday, August 18, from 6:30 to 7:30 pm Instructional Services will be hosting a support session online in English for Elementary families who are interested in learning more about supporting their child with technology needed for instruction at home. The webinar will be presented the same night to Secondary families from 8:00 to 9:00 pm. The same webinar will be offered on August 19 from 7:00 to 8:00 pm in Spanish, and on

August 20 from 7:00 to 8:00 pm in Armenian. Please click [here](#) to RSVP for the event and receive information to attend. We will highlight support videos, walk parents through technology support tutorials, and provide time for Q & A. Parents can access these materials as they become available [here](#).

Current reopening information is available on this website: <https://www.burbankusd.org/Reopening>. Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) can be found at <https://www.burbankusd.org/reopeningfaqs>.

You may also email your comments to re-opening@burbankusd.org. Please note that all reopening documents can be found on our website in English, Spanish, and Armenian at <https://www.burbankusd.org/Reopening>.

Previous Superintendent's updates, on the Coronavirus, can be viewed at <https://www.burbankusd.org/COVID-19>

By continuing to work together, we will build a stronger BUSD.

Take care,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matt Hill". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Matt Hill, Ed.D.
Superintendent