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Matt Hill, Ed.D.

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### **Superintendent's Update: 10.12.21**

Congratulations again to Amelia Cheatum from John Muir Middle School for being one of sixteen educators who was chosen by LACOE as a Los Angeles County Teacher of the Year for her exemplary dedication, compelling classroom practices, positive accomplishments, and professional commitment. You can learn more by clicking on this link [Los Angeles County Teachers of the Year](#)

#### **Employee Vaccinations**

As many of you know, the Board of Education passed a resolution mandating that all BUSD employees become fully vaccinated by October 22<sup>nd</sup>. As we approach the deadline, I want you to know that currently, we have some staff members who are not vaccinated and this may cause staffing changes or vacancies. As we get closer to the deadline, more specific information will be provided. Thank you for your patience as we implement this necessary requirement to ensure the safety of our students and employees.

#### **Student Vaccinations**

On October 1, [Governor Newsom announced](#) that students will be required to be vaccinated for in-person learning starting the term following FDA full approval of the vaccine for their grade span (7-12 and K-6). Once FDA full approval is announced, we will provide more information. In the meantime, we will continue to host vaccination clinics and share information on where students can [get their vaccines](#).

#### **COVID Testing**

Starting 10/18 we will pause COVID testing. We will only test athletes and employees who are unvaccinated. We continue to encourage students and employees to get tested at any of the community locations <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1clEdf-hlpfcEmA-I47gbKxIGrkOka7OU/view>.

We have expended all of the testing funding we received from the State (\$2.3 M). We have applied for FEMA funding to continuing testing until the end of the semester, but we have not

received approval yet and there is no guarantee on when/if we will receive funding. In addition, since August we have tried to secure free test kits from CDPH, but they are not available.

As you can see from our dashboards, we have been testing between 4,215-5,418 individuals per week with a range of 11-27 positive results per week (some false positives are included in these results). This translates into a 0.14-0.5% positivity rate.

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1aJPDEtXTXQNDYXtjmgH3lJnToop\\_g1i0/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1aJPDEtXTXQNDYXtjmgH3lJnToop_g1i0/view)

Our best use of our limited resources should be on other mitigation protocols and ensuring individuals receive vaccines. These strategies have prevented the spread of COVID on our campuses.

Sincerely,

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

Matt Hill, Ed.D. (He/Him/His)  
Superintendent  
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