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Dear BUSD Students, Families, and Employees

As we head into winter break, the Board and I would like to wish you all a safe, healthy, and restful break.

By focusing on the health and safety of our employees this past year we were able to return our students and employees to campus. Most of us have felt the toll this ongoing pandemic has taken on us physically, mentally, and emotionally. Exhaustion does not begin to describe how many of us are feeling right now. We must continue to focus on supporting ourselves and each other.

Unfortunately, COVID is still spreading in our community, so we need to continue to follow the best practices of getting vaccinated, wearing a mask, and monitoring symptoms. Please focus on rejuvenation during the break, but remain safe. As you prepare to return to campus in January, please take a COVID test and stay home if you test positive or have symptoms.

Looking ahead to 2022 we will build on our foundation and will focus on continuous improvement in order to ensure all students become life-long learners.

- Lift up and celebrate our teaching and learning best practices. We have reformatted our Board of Education meetings so that we will begin each meeting focused on teaching and learning.
- Continue to expand and deepen our work around Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI). This includes launching a survey for students, parents, and employees in January so that we may hear and learn about everyone's experiences.
- Expand the awareness of the mental health resources available through our partnership with the Family Service Agency of Burbank via the *Go There* campaign.

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

Take care,

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