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Dear Beardsley Parents and Stakeholders,

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and staff of Beardsley School District, I welcome you to the start of the 2021-2022 school year. The district has been busy preparing for the return of students to regular in person learning, and I look forward to all our students returning to campus full time, five days per week. I am certain your student is excited to resume normal school activities, and see his/her peers again on a full time basis. The first day of school is **Wednesday, August 18th**.

As we continue to navigate the COVID-19 pandemic, BSD will reopen in accordance with recent changes to regulations delineated by the CDC, the California Department of Public Health, and OSHA. Under the most recent guidance the district will be able to operate our classrooms at full capacity. Students and staff will still be required to wear masks while **indoors** on campus at all times. Masking for students and staff when **outside** (playground and common areas) is not required at this time. Additionally, the district will be able to operate its bus fleet at full capacity. Masks will also be required at all times on the district's school buses. For more details regarding current requirements please consult the web site below:

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/K-12-Guidance-23021-22-School-Year.aspx>. Of course these rules are subject to change going forward.

The school day will be extended this year by thirty minutes to allow for extra instructional time for all students. TK through 3rd grades will be dismissed at 2:30, and 4th through 8th grades will be dismissed at 3:00. These additional minutes will allow all students to catch up on lost instructional minutes from last school year. Additionally, the district will offer after school programs at each of our school sites until 6:00 each evening. I am very excited to announce the addition of an afterschool program at San Lauren this year, which will be open to all students (San Lauren after School Program starts on Monday, September 6, a few weeks later than the other three sites).

Another positive change this year is that a free breakfast will be served to ALL students in their respective classrooms instead of the cafeteria each morning. This will ensure that all of our students start the day with a nutritious meal. Please be advised that the earliest time for student drop off at school in the mornings is **7:30**.

The district will offer an Independent Study program for those parents who feel their student's health would be at risk with in person learning. If this applies to your child, please check the district's web site after August 13th for the details regarding this option. This program **will not** be similar to the distance learning program we concluded last school year with, but will be heavily reliant on parent involvement. It should be emphasized that the Beardsley School District strongly believes that the best model for our students is the traditional in-person instructional model.

Student and staff safety is and will continue to be the district's number one priority. We will work diligently to maintain a safe, healthy and comfortable learning environment for our students and

staff. If/when there are changes mandated by health professionals as the year progresses, we will communicate those changes to you as quickly as possible.

In conclusion, I can't tell you how excited BSD is to have students back for full time in person learning, and all the great opportunities this will present to students, staff, and families. You may contact your student's school with any questions you may have. The school offices open on Tuesday, August 11th. Please see below answers to a few frequently asked questions regarding the reopening.

Enjoy the rest of your summer.

Sincerely,

Paul E. Miller
Superintendent

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Will my child be required to wear a mask on campus?

The most recent guidance from the CDPH requires mask wearing in all indoor areas of campuses, including the districts school buses. As of the writing of this letter, when outdoors there is not a masking mandate (playground, outdoor common areas).

2. Will social distancing still required?

The most recent guidance from the CDPH does not require social distancing in classrooms, or on the district's school buses.

3. Will the district offer full school bus service?

Yes. The district will be running all of our traditional bus routes this year. The CDPH has relaxed the distancing requirements, which has enabled the district to fill our buses to capacity once again. Masking is required for all bus riders.

4. Will the district continue with increased cleaning/sanitation protocol from last spring?

Yes. The district will be continuing all deep cleaning procedures (See district Reopening plan, Beardsley web site).

5. Will my student be able to participate in distance learning like last year?

The distant/virtual learning program used last year is discontinued. In its place is full in-person learning. In some cases, students may enroll in independent study in lieu of in-person learning. This program is limited in nature, and will consist of brief student/teacher contact. This program is heavily reliant on parent monitoring and involvement in the actual instructional process.