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Dear Bellevue Families,

After months of planning and discussion with stakeholders and public health officials, Bellevue has decided to open school on August 19<sup>th</sup> on a distance learning model.

Earlier in the summer the staff developed a plan to open school on a hybrid model. Parents were surveyed to obtain feedback on various schedule choices. However, the rate of active COVID-19 cases in Tuolumne County has continued to rise and it is highly likely that our County will be placed on the State's Monitoring List, which would mandate schools to open on a distance learning model. In order to allow adequate planning time for our families and staff, the decision has been made to provide instruction remotely until the end of the first grading period, which is November 6, 2020. We will continue to collaborate with the County Public Health office, district superintendents and our Bellevue staff and community, and plan to open school for in-person learning as soon as State and local orders allow.

Administration and staff are working to improve our distance learning model to increase instructional effectiveness and student accountability. **Attendance and participation are required and student work will be graded.** Bellevue is prepared to provide technology support to students who require access to digital learning materials. Prior to the start of the school year, a device will be available for check-out for those students who need one. We are also working with our business partners to provide internet access to families in need.

As is the case each year, parents are required to complete new registration information prior to the start of school. You must fill out every form in the packet. **Parents need to return registration materials as quickly as possible (but no later than August 10) to expedite the distribution of textbooks, devices and other learning materials for your child.** Please drop the packets off in the green mailbox outside the office. The gates will be open all weekend and on Monday, August 10. Please contact Denise Zwicker in the office at 209-586-5510 Ext. 6326 if you have any registration questions.

We realize the impact this has had on our families and school community and we are committed to support our families the best we can. Thank you for your cooperation, support and patience during this difficult time, and please know that our staff is motivated to reopen school for in-person learning as soon as we are able.

Sincerely,

Carla J. Haakma, Superintendent-Principal

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