



Somerset Strong News 12.18.2020

Somerset Families,

It is hard to believe but we have made it to Winter Break! My wish for all of you is to have a safe, healthy and joyful two weeks.

In regard to the announcement this week of returning to in person learning in January for our K-2 students, the most helpful thing you can do to help our Somerset Team prepare is complete the survey. I need every k-2 family to complete the survey stating your plan by 5:00 on Tuesday. I understand there are many factors weighing into your decision and some of you have unique challenges and situations. If you have questions that are not answered on the survey letter, please email elderc@bsd405.org and I will try to answer the question or reach out to discuss it more thoroughly. The results of the survey will determine how much adjustment needs to be made at Somerset. We are hoping to work through this transition with as few changes as we can and accommodate family needs.

A few common questions I have been asked this week:

Q. Will my child's teacher change?

Students who are currently in virtual and choose to remain in virtual will most likely remain with their current teacher. Students who are currently in hybrid and choose to remain in hybrid will most likely remain with their current teacher. If your child is in virtual and you wish to switch to hybrid it is almost certain they will have a new teacher. If your child is in hybrid currently and you wish to switch them to virtual, it is most likely their teacher will change.

Q. Will siblings be assigned the same cohort (morning/afternoon)?

Yes, this is a priority for us as we make the am and pm classes. If for some reason we do not think we can make that happen, we will call and discuss that with you.

Q. Will snack and recess happen at school?

Yes, following very strict health and safety protocols. If the classroom teacher provides a snack time, snacks will be eaten outside or in the café/gym adhering to 6 ft of social distancing. Rotating recess zones will be established and assigned for each class. Students will play at recess with peers from their own classroom cohort.

Q. When will grades 3-5 return?

There is no date for 3-5 to return at this time, yet. Governor Inslee did provide new guidance for schools this week including information to prioritize the return of our elementary students grades k-5.

For our staff and students who will be returning for in person learning, I do ask for you to consider making choices to limit your contacts with people outside of your family and when you do go out to follow the recommended health and safety guidelines. As a school and neighborhood community, we will be trusting in each other to make safe and healthy choices, both in the schoolhouse and outside of school hours. I appreciate all of the efforts you make to maximize the safety of staff/students and mitigate the spread of Covid 19. I will be hosting a parent connect on Thursday, January 7th to discuss health and safety protocols and other important information for this transition back to school.

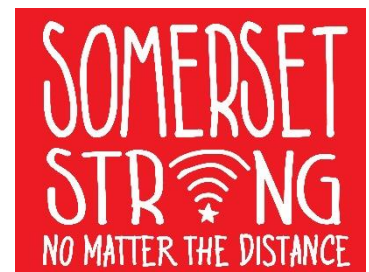
For many families in our community, celebrating Christmas is just a week away and like so many of the holidays and traditions of the last ten months, it will probably feel different. I encourage each of you to look for the silver linings or bright spots. I know as the mother of twin seniors heading off to college next year, the extra time together this fall has been special and appreciated. I'm looking forward to "comfy cozy" days together around our tree and snowy adventures in the mountains.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Action Item:

K-2 parents complete the district "return to in person" learning survey

SURVEY LINK: <https://intentsurvey.bsd405.org/>



SOMERSET ELEMENTARY



Kindergarten Information Night

January 21, 2021 - 6:00-6:45 pm

Via Microsoft Teams [Click here to join the meeting](#)

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

Jan 4	First day of school in 2021!
Jan 14	State of the District with Superintendent, Dr. Ivan Duran
Jan 18	No School: Martin Luther King Jr.
Jan 21	2 nd Grade In-person Learning starts for Hybrid Model
Jan 25	1 st Grade In-person Learning starts for Hybrid Model
January 29 th	Non-Student Day
Feb 1	Kindergarten In-person Learning Starts for Hybrid Model

For more information and important dates please

follow this link to our Somerset PTSA: [Link to Somerset PTSA](#)



Bellevue School District Important Information

Save the Date: State of the District

Read this message in:

- [中文](#)
- [Español](#)

Bellevue School District students and families, and staff and educators are invited to the first BSD State of the District.

Hosted by Dr. Duran, our superintendent, the virtual State of the District hosted on Teams will share with attendees the challenges and opportunities that face our learning community. Tune in to hear about our goals and plans for the rest of the 2020-21 school year, as well as updates on in-person learning and our budget.

Staff Event

January 13, 4 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

Family and Community Event

January 14, 6:30 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.

Keep reading for information on

- Family Engagement Advisory Committee
- School Options for 2021-2022 school year

Family Engagement Advisory Committee

The Bellevue School District is developing a Family Engagement Advisory Committee to represent the diverse voices of families we serve.

If selected, members of this committee will participate in developing long-term practices of inclusion and representation of the diverse communities in our system. Further, members will both give AND receive critical feedback and advisement on matters important to four primary groups: BSD School Board, District Leadership Team, Equity Advisory Group, Department of Equity and Family Engagement (potentially others) and engage in experiences to deepen their knowledge and ability to impact organizational transformation.

This is a one-year commitment of 4-5 hours per month. The 2020-21 Committee will begin in February 2021 and serve for a 5-month term, with the option of extending through 2021-22. The first virtual meet and greet will take place on Thursday, February 4, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

A successful Family Engagement Advisory Group will:

1. Identify common needs and goals amongst our diverse community groups.
2. Gather and provide feedback from groups they are connected to, to ensure that family and community needs are represented beyond their own perspective.
3. Bring attention to existing and emerging issues expressed by groups they are connected to.
4. Identify and recommend opportunities to increase partnership and collaboration between families, schools and the school district.
5. Identify and recommend culturally appropriate practices to welcome and engage diverse families in all schools.

We look forward to your interest and desire to make a difference for ALL our students and families across the district.

Link to application: [Application Form](#)

Comité Asesor de Padres/Madres

El Distrito Escolar de Bellevue está creando un "Comité Asesor de Padres/Madres" para representar las diversas opiniones que tienen las familias a las que servimos.

Las personas elegidas para formar parte de este Comité ayudarán a desarrollar normas de larga duración en materia de inclusión y de representación de las diversas comunidades representadas en nuestro sistema. Además, los miembros proporcionarán y recibirán opiniones y recomendaciones importantes en cuestiones claves para cuatro grupos principales: la Junta Escolar del Distrito Escolar de Bellevue, el Equipo Ejecutivo de Liderazgo, el Grupo Asesor y Equidad del Distrito Escolar de Bellevue y para Departamentos de Equidad y Compromiso Familiar (u otros). También se encargarán de participar en experiencias para profundizar su conocimiento y habilidad para impactar en la transformación de nuestra Organización.

El compromiso requerido es de un año, y una dedicación de unas 4 o 5 horas al mes. El Comité de 2020-21 empezará en febrero de 2021 y la duración de su compromiso será de 5 meses, con la posibilidad de extenderlo durante el año 2020-21. La primera reunión de bienvenida será en línea, el jueves 4 de febrero de 2021 a las 5:00pm.

El Grupo Asesor Familiar deberá:

1. Identificar necesidades y objetivos comunes entre los diversos grupos de nuestra comunidad.
2. Reunir y proporcionar comentarios de los grupos con los que están conectados, para asegurarse de que las necesidades de las familias y la comunidad estén representadas.
3. Prestar atención a los problemas existentes y emergentes expresados por los grupos con los que está relacionado.
4. Identificar y recomendar oportunidades para aumentar la colaboración conjunta entre las familias, las escuelas y el distrito escolar.
5. Identificar y recomendar prácticas culturalmente apropiadas para dar la bienvenida e involucrar a familias diversas en todas las escuelas.

Esperando que esto le resulte de su interés y que desee hacer una diferencia para TODOS nuestros estudiantes y nuestras familias del Distrito Escolar de Bellevue.

Enlace para su solicitud: [Application Form](#)

贝尔维尤学区正在设立一个家庭参与咨询委员会，代表我们所服务家庭的不同声音。

如果被选中成为委员会的一员，这个委员会的成员将参与制定长期做法，将不同社区成员的想法纳入我们的系统并展现在我们定的制度中。此外，成员还将为四个主要群体的重要事项提供和接受关键的反馈和建议：贝尔维尤学区的学校董事会、学区的领导团队、公平咨询小组、公平和家庭参与部（可能还有其他人），并参与这些经验以加深他们的知识和影响组织转型的能力。

这是一年的承诺，每月大概 4-5 小时。2020 道 2021 学年委员会将于 2021 年 2 月开始，任期 5 个月，成员可选择延长任期到 2021-22 学年。第一次网络见面会将于 2021 年 2 月 4 日星期四下午 5 点。

成功的家庭参与咨询委员会小组将会：

1. 确定我们不同社区群体的共同需求和目标。
2. 收集和提供他们所联系的群体的反馈，以确保这些反馈是代表和包括他们自身视角以外的家庭和社区的需求。
3. 让大家注意他们所联系的团体所表达的现有和新出现的问题。
4. 确定并建议加强家庭、学校和学区之间合作伙伴关系和合作的机会。
5. 确定并建议文化上适当的做法，欢迎不同家庭参加所有学校的活动和合作。

我们期待您的兴趣和愿望，为全区所有学生和家庭带来改变。申请的链接：[申请表](#)

School Options for the 2020-21 School Year

This year, the Open Transfer (formerly Open Enrollment) and Choice School/Program application period are during the same time period – December 7, 2020 through January 15, 2021.

All applicants must be residents of the Bellevue School District at the time of application. Residency documents will be requested at the time of enrollment. (The children of fulltime BSD employees may apply.)

Siblings of current students are not guaranteed enrollment and must apply.

For more information please visit

- Open Transfer <https://bsd405.org/departments/student-placement/open-enrollment/>
- Choice Schools/Program <https://bsd405.org/schools/choice/>

Opciones escolares para el año escolar 2021-22

Este año, el período de solicitud de Transferencia Abierta (antes Inscripción Abierta) y Escuela / Programa de Choice Schools son durante el mismo período: del 7 de diciembre de 2020 al 15 de enero de 2021.

Todos los solicitantes deben ser residentes del Distrito Escolar de Bellevue en el momento de la solicitud. Los documentos de residencia se solicitarán en el momento de la inscripción. (Los hijos de empleados de BSD a tiempo completo pueden aplicar).

Los hermanos de los estudiantes que están inscrito al momento no tienen garantizada la inscripción pero deben de aplicar.

Para mas información por favor visite

- Transferencia Abierta <https://bsd405.org/departments/student-placement/open-enrollment/>
- Choice Schools/Program <https://bsd405.org/schools/choice/>

2021-22 学年的学校选择。

今年，公开转学（以前称为公开招生）和特选的学校/预选的申请期都會在同一时间段接受申請。 - -
2020 年 12 月 7 日至 2021 年 1 月 15 日。

申请时，所有申请人都必须是 Bellevue 学区的居民。入学时会要求提供居住证。（BSD 全职雇员的子女也合乎资格來申请。）

现有学生的兄弟姐妹不能保证入学，必须申请。

欲了解更多信息，请点進下列網站：

- 公開转校 <https://bsd405.org/departments/student-placement/open-enrollment/>
- 特选學校/预选 <https://bsd405.org/schools/choice/>