

BUELLTON BULLETIN

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Important Dates:

BUSD Board of Trustees Meeting, 10/10, 7 PM, Jonata Library

District Advisory Council, 10/17, 4 PM, Jonata Library

BUSD Board of Trustees; Workshop—Budget, 10/24, 6 PM, Jonata Library

BUSD Budget Advisory Committee, 11/7, 6:00 PM, Jonata Library

Veteran's Day, 11/12 (no school)

BUSD Board of Trustees Meeting, 11/14, 7 PM, Jonata Library

Thanksgiving Vacation, 11/19-11/23 (no school)

Coffee with Dr. Haggard, 12/5, 7:30 AM, OV Library

Winter Break, 12/24/18-1/4/19 (no school)

Measure A

The Buellton Union School District Board of Trustees passed a Resolution in May to place **Measure A2018** on the ballot for November 6, 2018.

Measure A is a Parcel Tax measure that would assess \$99 per parcel per year in the

district for a period of eight (8) years. This levy for Buellton schools could generate up to \$240,000 each year to be used on the following priorities:

- Restore the **Music Program**,
- Support low **class sizes**,
- Support **Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics** (STEAM) initiatives to prepare students for the future,
- Provide **enhanced support** for students.

Accountability for the use of the resources generated will be through a **Citizen's Oversight Committee**. Funds generated by **Measure A** are local revenue which cannot be taken by the state or federal governments.

Exemptions will be available for citizens aged 65 or older, or who are on disability.

Election Day is Tuesday, November 6, 2018





In the news...

Student Health

We are delighted to have our new Health Aide, Carrie Reed working at both of our school sites to assist with student health needs. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommends the "flu shot" to prevent influenza, but there are also everyday precautions you can take: Try to avoid close contact with sick people. While sick, limit contact with others as much as possible to keep from infecting them. If you are sick with flu-like illness, CDC recommends that you stay home for at least 24 hours after your fever is gone except to get medical care or for other necessities (Your fever should be gone for 24 hours without the use of a fever-reducing medicine). Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it. **Wash your hands** often with soap and water. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub. Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth (germs spread this way). Clean and disinfect surfaces and objects that may be contaminated with germs like the flu.

School Funding

Despite boasting the fifth largest economy in the world and the highest gross domestic product of any state, California ranks at or near the bottom nationally in nearly every measure of school funding and staffing. Under the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF), revenue for K-12 schools has only recently returned to 2007 levels, meaning funding has not substantially increased, on an inflation-adjusted basis, for more than a decade. To get involved, check out this website sponsored by the California School Boards Association:

<http://www.fullandfairfunding.org/>

Student Achievement

We are very proud of the results from the Spring 2018 administration of the CAASPP ("Smarter Balanced") student assessments. The idea that drives our work with children is growth, and it is clear that our fantastic instructional staff members are providing opportunities for children to grow and learn in a safe environment.

An overview of our students' achievement with reference to state averages will be posted on the Buellton Union School District website this week at:

<http://www.buelltonusd.org/>

I hope you will take extra time to examine your own child's score report as well as this overview of the exceptional performance of our students and schools.

Student achievement on a single test is only a snapshot of the rich learning taking place at these two wonderful schools. Students engage and grow through experiences in the garden, with friends at recess, on sports teams, and through engagement in their community. We are especially excited this year to implement the Second Step curriculum to support student's social/emotional learning. In partnership with our parents and community, we can foster the development of the whole child as they pursue dreams that are beyond our imagining!

Dr. Haggard

