Dear BUHSD Families

I hope that all of your family is safe and healthy. As we near the scheduled end of the school year and continue to monitor state and federal guidelines and health agencies recommendations, I want to update you and your student about end of year events. The following is a summary – please go to our website/social media outlets for more details.

Class of 2020 Events

First, in honor of the Class of 2020, BUHSD, partnering with Phoenix Raceway, will be hosting a Parade of Graduates this Saturday, May 16. The parade will be for graduates and their families. There will be no spectators allowed; however, the event will be recorded and live streamed. The next announcement for Seniors is that the in-person graduation at Goodyear Ballpark is being postponed. The new dates are June 8 (Buckeye Union), June 9 (Youngker), and June 10 (Estrella Foothills). These events will still be pending gatherings of this size being allowed. BUHSD and Goodyear Ballpark personnel are working on logistic plans for the events that will meet the recommended guidelines for large gatherings. If we are not able to do the in-person, outside graduations in June, then we will move to indoor graduations on July 11. The intention is to do everything possible to have an in-person graduation, whether it is at the Ballpark or indoors on our campuses. In addition to these plans for in-person graduations, our staff and students have worked together to create virtual graduation ceremonies. These virtual graduations will be aired on May 25 (LC @ 2 pm, BU @ 4 pm, YHS @ 6 pm, EF @ 8 pm). Last, the Senior Send Off Week Schedule is as follows (June 15-19 or July 6-10):

- Monday – Senior Sunset hosted by YHS,
- Tuesday – yearbook signings at individual campuses,
- Wednesday – Senior Showcases at individual campuses,
- Thursday – Carnival hosted by BU,
- Friday – Pep assembly hosted by EF (Senior Prom if we do indoor graduation on Saturday),
- Saturday – indoor graduation or Senior Prom. The proms will be for Seniors and their guest. They will be hosted on individual campuses and be free of charge for attendees. The LC will host a senior breakfast on Tuesday and the Graduation celebration will be on Wednesday evening.

Yearbook Distribution/Laptop Collection/Equipment Turn-In/Student Pickup of Personal Items:

Students can come any day during business hours May 19 – 22 to pick up or turn items in. Specific locations on campuses will be posted on our website/social media outlets so students can go to the areas where pick-up/turn-in/distribution will take place. We will practice social distancing and health agency guidelines. Guidance counselors will also be available if students have questions about summer school or have other academic questions/needs.

Summer School:

Summer school will be offered virtually and free of charge to students. Registration is open now through May 29. School begins on May 27 and goes until the end of June.
Refunds:
We are processing refunds. 50% for second semester student fees, 50% of activity fee if it was paid for spring sports only, 100% on prom tickets and trip deposits/fees, and 100% of pre-paid meal money. Before refund is issued, except for prom and trip monies, funds will be used to offset any fees owed by student. Fees/trips paid by tax credit are not being refunded unless requested. Seniors will be mailed their refund and underclassmen will have a credit on their school account.

School Year 20-21:
There have been many questions regarding what next school year will look like. BUHSD is preparing to open school in August as regularly scheduled. However, this will depend on the state of public health in the State of Arizona and guidelines and directives given to us by state and federal government agencies. Because of the unknown, we are preparing for different educational delivery models. As what school will look like becomes more defined, we will have more details for students and families.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your efforts and patience during this unprecedented time. Students are to be commended for their resilience and perseverance as their worlds were turned upside down and they were asked to make adjustments literally overnight. The entire BUHSD staff is grateful for the awesome students and families that make up our District. We anxiously look forward to when school can resume to a more normal schedule. Please continue to monitor our website, social media outlets, and your email/text. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact your building administration or the district office. Again, thanks for working together to get through these tough times and stay safe and healthy.

Respectfully,

Eric Godfrey
Superintendent