



## RUSD Important Information Tuesday, April 6, 2021

### **A Message from Superintendent, Dr. Nancy Lynch**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Please see the message below from Bel Aire Principal Lexie Cala regarding her new position as Superintendent of the Bennett Valley Union School District.

We wish Principal Cala all the best in her new role and we will have many chances to show our appreciation to her through the end of this school year. Information regarding the search and selection process for her replacement at Bel Aire will be shared in the coming weeks.

Warm Regards,

Nancy Lynch, Ed.D.  
Superintendent

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Dear Bel Aire Friends & Families,

This is a difficult message for me to write, but I want to let the community know that this will be my last year at Bel Aire. In July, I will be transitioning into a new role as superintendent of the Bennett Valley Union School district. I am excited for the new challenge and honored to have been selected, and yet there are a variety of strong emotions that accompany a decision of this magnitude. I am filled with both joy and sadness as I reflect, reminisce, and prepare for departure.

Almost exactly 10 years ago, I accepted a position in the Reed Union School District as a 4th grade teacher at Bel Aire. Since then, I got married (incidentally to a Bel Aire alumnus), I became a digital media specialist, I had a baby, I was an assistant principal (of two schools, then of one), and I have spent the last five years in my

favorite professional role yet: as principal of Bel Aire Elementary school. While I arrived in my 30s, in some ways, it feels as if I grew up in this remarkable place.

There exists a long list of qualities and commodities that make Bel Aire extraordinary, but our students, staff, and families sit prominently at the top. The relationships I have enjoyed over the last decade are among my most cherished, and the growth I've seen across so many facets of this school is a source of great pride.

Of course, the things that make Bel Aire so exceptional are not leaving with me, and I am certain of the school's continued evolution of meaningful connectedness and uncommon achievements. Bel Aire was thriving when I arrived, and I like to think that I have only *contributed* to what was already working. The next person fortunate enough to become principal of this special school will contribute in *different* ways and bestow *new* gifts. It is exciting to think about the possibilities that come with a change in leadership and the opportunity to co-create the future of this school with a new steward.

More information about this transition will be shared in the coming weeks. Rest assured that I will be fully engaged in the final months of this school year and Bel Aire will always hold a place of singular delight in my heart.

Warmly,

**Lexie Cala**  
Bel Aire Principal

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