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## PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

Dear Bel Aire Families,

Welcome back! I hope this message finds you all healthy and well-rested. We are finalizing Phase 3 preparations and looking forward to welcoming many of our students on campus Monday.

Most of the details below have been previously shared, but please see below for the answers to some frequently asked questions.

### PHASE 3 (P3) QUESTIONS

#### What is different in P3?

The main differences are:

- 5 days of in-person learning (instead of 2, in P2)
- Full cohort sizes (instead of the split cohorts in P2)
- Some specialist classes will be held live in P3 (all were virtual in P2)
- Specialist will run afternoon grade-level, [virtual classes in the afternoon](#). These are optional, but highly recommended (especially for students who are learning from home!)

#### What is the same in P3?

Almost every thing else including the long list of safety practices and protocols as well as the in-

## QUARANTINE QUESTIONS

### Under what circumstances are staff and students *required* to stay home?

Staff and students with COVID symptoms, exposure, or positive cases are required to quarantine.

### When are staff and students *expected* to stay home?

County guidance has recently shifted their language from “*required*” to “*recommended*” with regard to quarantine after **travel** or any **social mixing**. While the language has changed, RUSD still expects families to follow the county recommendation.

### Does the length of quarantine change based upon circumstances (*e.g., travel vs exposure vs symptoms vs positive case*)?

There are two exceptions, but in *most* cases quarantine should continue for **10 days** (7 days, with a negative COVID test taken **5 or more days after** exposure, travel, gathering, etc.). An exception is made for children with *less common* COVID symptoms (like body aches, fatigue, and congestion) who may return 24 hours after symptoms resolve. Another exception is quarantine for people with active COVID cases, which may be extended longer than 10 days, if symptoms continue.

### Does the testing *timeline* and *type* really matter?

Yes. In order to shorten the duration of a quarantine, the test is only valid if taken **5 days after** last date of exposure, contact, mixing, travel, etc., because the virus may not be detected prior to that time. It is also important that the test is a **PCR nasal swab test** (the *T-PCR* rapid saliva test is not acceptable proof).

## ‘TEST OR 10’ QUESTIONS

### What is the ‘Test or 10’ learning-from-home plan?

This is a *short-term* plan designed to support students who need to quarantine due to symptoms, exposure, or positive COVID cases. The plan includes a blend of general grade-level **skill practice** and classroom-specific **assignments** (see [sample plan here](#)). Eligible students are also offered **three 30-minute Zoom sessions** with their classroom teacher. Students learning from home are also encouraged to join the afternoon, [virtual specialist classes](#) (teachers will be providing links to these classes soon).

### Who is eligible for the ‘Test or 10’ learning-from-home plan ?

This plan is **only** available to students who must quarantine due to **symptoms, exposure, or positive** COVID cases. This plan is not available to students quarantining for travel and social mixing.

### Can teachers offer ‘Test or 10’ for ineligible students (*i.e., those asked to stay home due to travel & social gathering*)?

No, this is a district-wide decision. Teachers may share work, but students quarantining for travel and social mixing are not eligible for the Zoom sessions.

As is the case for many of us, the new calendar year has inspired some much needed light and hope. I continue to feel grateful for our incredible school team and ongoing family support. Thank you for

your continued understanding and flexibility, as we navigate this challenging period together.

Sincerely,

**Ms. Lexie Cala**

Principal

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## ★ IMPORTANT DATES ★

JANUARY 5 - 8 | PHASE 1 (DISTANCE)

JANUARY 11 - 15 | PHASE 3 (IN-PERSON, 5 DAYS/WEEK)

JANUARY 18 | NO SCHOOL • MLK HOLIDAY

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## 👉 UPDATED BEL AIRE FAMILY SITE 👈

In addition to the main [Bel Aire website](#), we've developed a micro-site to help families navigate this unusual year. The page was re-branded a bit over break to give a more similar look and feel to the main site. I encourage families to take a look, as the site is updated regularly as it relates to our [Phases of Re-Entry](#), [COVID Health & Safety Guidance](#), and includes a page dedicated to [school news](#) and archived messages.



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**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

**2021 New Year Resolution:** Attend a virtual Bel Aire PTA meeting. All PTA members are welcome to join the calls. Bring your coffee and Zoom in to our next PTA meeting on Wednesday February 3rd at 9:15 a.m. Email [Connie Maddox](#), PTA Communications to get the zoom link and password.



## SEEKING 2021 PTA NOMINATING COMMITTEE CANDIDATES

The RUSD PTA is seeking PTA members to serve on the 2021 Nominating Committee for the PTA Executive Board. The committee will be comprised of five members and one alternate with knowledge of all three school sites and their volunteer communities. The names of those expressing an interest in serving on the committee will be voted upon by the PTA membership through a confidential online survey.

Meetings of the Nominating Committee will be held in February and March with the goal of delivering a final slate of Executive Board candidates by late March. Open board positions to be filled include District President, District Secretary, Bel Aire Site Chair, and Treasurer at all three schools.

★ *If you are interested in being a Nominating Committee candidate, please contact [rusdptasecretary@gmail.com](mailto:rusdptasecretary@gmail.com) by Friday, January 15th.* ★



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