



SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

April 2, 2021

I would like to wish our entire school district community a safe, healthy, restful, and fun Spring Break next week! Below are several key updates related to our master facilities planning, our next Board Study Session, our reopening plans, and some upcoming events.

MASTER FACILITIES PLANNING

While the Banning Unified School District has done a good job of maintaining its facilities over the years, our schools and infrastructure are aging and in need of attention. The school board and district administration are engaging our community around this very important issue as we plan for the future.

In recent years, investments in major facilities improvements have been limited. We are now at a point at which our current facilities may hinder our ability to provide 21st-century learning opportunities to our students. We will rebuild and modernize our school facilities and add innovative programs to remain academically and professionally competitive and to provide our students and the community with the quality and world-class school system Banning deserves.

We must examine our facilities needs and create a master plan to address them. The master facilities plan will cover maintenance and operations that support community relations, human resources, technology, instruction, and business. It will be among the driving forces as we approach the future of our schools.

BOARD STUDY SESSION: APRIL 10

On Saturday, April 10, we will hold our second Virtual Board Study Session for Facilities. The purpose of this meeting is to address our health and safety needs for quality learning spaces across the entire district.

This session will include a discussion on and outline of phases of modernization so our staff and students have access to quality work and learning spaces, with clean air, quality water sources, and secure infrastructure.

The April 10 event is from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. To join via Zoom, please visit <https://banning-k12-ca-us.zoom.us/j/83060023852?pwd=bVNHeGdib3VIRjVxQ3JENFk1NzdtZz09>.

REOPENING PLANS

We continue to focus on our planning to gradually increase the level of in-person instruction we provide to students this summer and into the fall. By taking this approach, we can help ensure we protect the safety of our students, maintain sound fiscal discipline, and deliver a high level of quality in our educational programs.

Below are some important updates and dates to keep in mind over the next several months:

- This summer, we will offer opportunities for students in grades K-8 to mitigate learning loss due to the pandemic. We will also provide credit recovery options for students in grades 9-11. These programs will take place from June 22 through July 30, 2021.

- We will extend the school year for our students in special education, who will be able to attend in-person programs from June 22 through July 19. There will also be a Special Education Intensive Intervention learning loss regression program July 20-30.
- We will reopen our schools for in-person learning, with options for a hybrid instructional model, on August 12, 2021. This will mark the beginning of the 2021-22 school year.
- Summer Break will be August 2-6, 2021.
- Our opening day, professional development, and teacher prep days before the start of the next school year will take place August 9-11.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Safety, Mental Health, and Wellness Series: Grief & Anxiety

Tuesday, April 20 at 2:00 p.m.

[Learn more](#)

From the Heart Performing Arts

Mondays, Tuesdays & Wednesdays

[See flyer for more information](#)

Virtual Retirement Reception for Banning Staff

Tentative date: Friday, May 14, 4:30-6:00 p.m.

"Never say never, because limits, like fears, are often just an illusion. I've always believed that if you put in the work, the results will come. Some people want it to happen, some wish it would happen, others make it happen."

— Michael Jordan