



BULLIS charter school
A CALIFORNIA K – 8 PUBLIC SCHOOL

October 24, 2019

Dear BCS Parents and Staff,

I wanted to send you a quick reminder about upcoming opportunities to participate in the community engagement process to secure long term facilities for BCS and share some thoughts about an eventual solution.

First, we will be holding **two community engagement team meetings** for BCS parents and staff this month. Stop by to ask questions, hear from other BCS parents and board members, and learn ways to engage at the upcoming LASD community engagement workshops (see below).

Monday, October 28th | 7:00pm - 8:00pm | BCS North Campus MPR
Tuesday, October 29th | 8:30am - 9:30am | BCS North Campus MPR

Second, in an effort to receive thorough and diverse feedback from the community, LASD has organized a **third charrette** that will be translated into Spanish, Mandarin, and Russian. The content covered will be the same as the previous two charrettes and is intended only for those that need Spanish, Mandarin or Russian translation. LASD is translating all materials into those languages and will have facilitators present.

Tuesday, October 29th | 6:00pm - 7:30pm | Santa Rita MPR (700 Los Altos Avenue)

Please [respond here](#) to let LASD know if you plan to attend the multilingual charrette. Multilingual invitations to this charrette can also be found at links here: [English](#), [Spanish](#), [Mandarin](#), [Japanese](#), & [Russian](#).

Third, LASD will be hosting **community engagement workshops** in early November. While the charrettes were designed to generate ideas, the workshops are designed to discuss and evaluate these ideas to understand the options and proposals that are supported by the community. Workshop participants will be voting on proposals and it's critically important that BCS parents attend one of the two workshops:

Saturday, November 2nd | 9:30am - 11:30am | Egan MPR
Monday, November 4th | 6:30pm - 8:30pm | Blach MPR

For those who attend these workshops, I hope you will keep in mind what I believe are critical elements of any successful long-term arrangement:

1. BCS seeks a **permanent, single site solution** which is in line with the words and spirit of the bond measure passed by the community.
2. Programmatically and pedagogically BCS is a **fully integrated K-8 school** and should not be split horizontally by grade level.
3. BCS should receive **fair and adequate facilities** (both buildings and grounds) to meet BCS's programmatic needs: BCS is a K-8 program by design and facilities solutions should accommodate a K-8 model with adequate space as required by Kinder, 1st - 5th and 6th - 8th student bodies.





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4. BCS is the most **geographically diverse** public school in the District and should be optimally accessible to those throughout the District. As such BCS is not in favor of (1) placement on the periphery including placement at the current proposed 10th site (either as a single site or a second site split by grade level) and (2) a tenth site neighborhood preference. BCS should be centrally located in the heart of the community since it draws families from all across the District.
5. The proposed solution should be **financially and programmatically viable**: A single site is preferred. If that is not possible, any multi-site solution must be financially viable for BCS.
6. BCS is a **public school**. Public resources (taxpayer funds and facilities) should be shared proportionately with BCS.
7. Any proposed solution should allow BCS to **achieve its mission** and to serve those students residing in the District who wish to attend it.

I strongly encourage the BCS community to attend one of these workshops. It's crucial that our community is represented in this conversation and that we have a say in the long-term facilities solution. The results of these workshops will be organized, summarized, and presented to LASD Trustees in January. For more info on LASD's process visit [this website](#).

If you would like more info on BCS's community engagement process or timetable, please feel free to contact myself (jhurd@bullischarterschool.com), Dorothy An (dan@bullischarterschool.com), or Francis LaPoll (francislapoll@gmail.com).

Warm regards,

Joe Hurd

For and on behalf of the BCS Board of Directors

