



## Bakersfield City School District

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**This is a second notification.**

To the Parents/Guardians of Bakersfield City School District (BCSD) Students and Staff:

We understand you are concerned about COVID-19. The health of students and staff is of the utmost importance to the Bakersfield City School District. BCSD continues to implement and evaluate health practices in the best interest of our students and staff. It is important to note, as of March 12, 2020, **there are no known cases of COVID-19 in Kern County.** The threat of COVID-19 in Kern County remains low.

With new direction from Governor Gavin Newsom, BCSD has decided to cancel all non-essential travel by students and staff outside of Kern County. Non-essential travel includes field trips, conferences and competitions. BCSD is also limiting large gatherings at the school and district level. **All non-essential gatherings of students and staff in Kern County are cancelled. Non-essential gatherings include school assemblies, student awards, family picnics, parent events and school booster events. Spring Parent Teacher Conferences are also cancelled.** Scheduled minimum days will remain in place.

These protocols will remain in effect until further notice.

We also ask parents/guardians, family members and community volunteers to consider limiting their visits to campus. In an effort to prevent the spread of disease, please consider visiting schools after concerns regarding COVID-19 diminish. Anyone who exhibits symptoms of illness will be asked to leave.

We continue to follow the direction of Kern County Public Health, the California Department of Public Health, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to prevent the spread of viruses and disease. For additional information on our protocols at this time go to: [www.bcsd.com](http://www.bcsd.com). Click on the *Influenza and Coronavirus* link.

Please read the frequently asked questions page attached to this letter.

Sincerely,

Doc Ervin  
Superintendent  
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