

Dear families,

We hope your family is doing well during this period of staying home. We also hope you and your students are finding value in the activities our teachers are providing as we adjust to remote learning. We miss being with your kids every day, and we will do our best to continue serving their needs while our building remains closed.

We have a major announcement to make regarding the future of Borah Elementary School. Our District and community are about to embark on a 5-year journey to design and build an exciting new learning community to serve Borah students and families. The work ahead will focus on the creation of a transformational community fiercely committed to learning excellence for every student. Our goal is for Borah to become a school of pervasive hope, contagious joy, and academic excellence.

To begin, we are about to recruit a new team of enthusiastic teachers to help us engineer this bold new design. All teaching positions at Borah are being opened up, as we invite all elementary and middle school teachers in our District to apply. By the end of April we will select our new team for the 2020-21 school year and will introduce you to the team as soon as possible. We do expect that some current Borah teachers will stay on in this new learning community. Those who leave Borah after this school year will still have positions teaching in other schools in our District.

Our new team will immerse itself in learning together and collectively creating a new educational program for the Borah community. Our teachers and school leaders will have strong coaching support and will work together to reimagine our school, with a new focus, theme and name.

Our vision for this new learning community is grounded in the following beliefs:

- Each student at Borah has a right to the best educational experiences our District can offer.
- All students will be supported to set and achieve their personal goals.
- Each student will have opportunities to develop skills and dispositions to become leaders in their community, consistent with the District's new [Portrait of a Graduate](#).

This is an exciting new adventure, and we invite you to be a partner with us. While we do not have all of the specifics figured out yet, we want to build this together and will keep you informed of our progress through our PTO and parent newsletters.

We look forward to our students in the current attendance zone returning in the fall, as the District and School Board have decided to refrain from making any immediate changes to the attendance zones for Borah, Bryan and Fernan elementary schools.

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