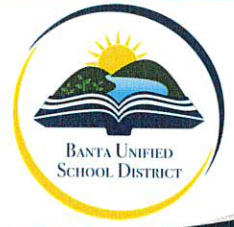


# Banta Unified School District



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## **RE: New State Legislation**

Dear Banta USD Families,

BUSD is committed to providing you with open and transparent communication from the California Department of Education and the California Department of Public Health regarding COVID-19 safety measures and school opportunities. State [Assembly Bill \(AB\) 104](#) provides options for students and parents/guardians to address learning recovery needs, while [State Assembly Bill 130](#) offers options for medically at-risk students.

### **Student Retention for 2021-2022**

Parents/guardians of students enrolled in kindergarten through 11<sup>th</sup> grade during the 2020-21 school year who received deficient grades for at least one-half of the coursework in 2020-21 may provide a written request to the school for a meeting to discuss student retention for the 2021-22 school year. Staff will meet with the parent/guardian and student to discuss learning recovery options, research regarding retention, and data regarding student progress. The District has the final decision. If you are interested in a discussion regarding retention, please contact the Banta School office.

### **Independent Study for Medically At-risk Students**

Independent study for medically at-risk students is supported through Assembly Bill 130, and was signed into law by Governor Newsom this summer. This bill allows parents, guardians, and education rights holders of a pupil whose health would be put at risk by returning to in-person instruction to have an independent study option. Please note that independent study is described as a student needing more than 15 school days of independent and at-home instruction. If you would like this option for your student, please contact the Banta School office to request a student, parent-educator meeting before enrollment to discuss the procedures of the program and the requirements for your child's grade level.

BUSD will work diligently to update you on safety protocols as we prepare to return to school.

Sincerely,

Rechelle L. Pearlman

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rechelle L. Pearlman".

BUSD Superintendent

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