



Yuba City Unified School District

January 12, 2022

Dear YCUSD families:

After consulting with the Bi-County Health Officer, the District has determined that the rate of COVID infections at Butte Vista Elementary School are escalating and warrant a temporary school closure. Therefore, there will be no school for all grades and classes at Butte Vista Elementary School from Friday January 14 through Tuesday January 18, 2022. Families of students enrolled at Butte Vista will receive further information about COVID testing prior to returning to school on January 19, 2022.

This decision was not taken lightly, and we gave careful consideration to the impact this will have on our families and community.

It is clear from the information available to the Bi-County Health Office that COVID-19 cases at Butte Vista are not declining, but rather are escalating. Continuing to conduct in-person instruction in this environment not only poses a great risk of exposure to students, and families, it would cause great disruption to the education program at the school as absences of both students and staff continue to climb.

None of us welcome this development: board members, administrators, teachers, students or families. Our community has been clear in its desire to have students in the classroom with their teachers; however, there are times when our preferences and hopes must submit to a public health reality.

While we cannot rule out other schools eventually facing a similar situation, there are currently no plans to change the instruction model at any other YCUSD school, this decision pertains only to Butte Vista.

We will work with our staff and our community to return Butte Vista to in-person learning on January 19, 2022. We appreciate your continued patience and cooperation as we face a situation none of us has chosen.

Sincerely,

Doreen Osumi

Superintendent