



# BURLINGTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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### Welcome to Burlington High School!

*We are excited for your student(s) to continue with us and/or join the BHS family within the BASD community!*

For the 2024-2025 school year, we will have 9th-12th grade at BHS.

Burlington Area School District along with Burlington High School are excited about being Compassionate, Committed and Comprehensive to ensure a wonderful experience for all of our students!

At Burlington High School, compassion lies at the heart of our school community. We believe in fostering empathy, understanding, and inclusivity among our students, staff, and families.

Burlington High School's commitment to excellence drives us to continuously strive for the highest standards in academics, extracurricular activities, and personal growth. We are dedicated to providing rigorous and engaging educational experiences that prepare students for success in college, career, and beyond.

Finally, we at Burlington High School are comprehensive. As a comprehensive high school, we recognize the importance of offering a diverse range of programs and resources to meet the needs and interests of every student.

Be sure to look for our Back to School Newsletter in early August to find detailed information on all things 'back to school' such as student schedules, transportation, pictures and bell schedule.

We are grateful for the collaborative relationship we have with our families and the community.

**A message from  
the Principal**



# Message from the Superintendent



District Families,

As we approach the end of another school year, I hope this letter finds you and your loved ones looking forward to the opportunities and adventures that lie with summer approaching. However, before we bid farewell to the current school year, I must address a matter of great importance regarding our school district's budget.

Despite our best efforts and the unwavering support of many in our community, we find ourselves in the unfortunate position of having to reduce our budget by \$5 million due to the failure of the operational referendum. This is not a decision we take lightly, as we fully understand the impact it may have on our students, families, and staff. However, we want to assure you that even in the face of these challenges, our dedication to providing an excellent education remains steadfast.

While the budget reduction will require adjustments, it will not compromise the quality of education your students receive within our school district. Here are some key points to emphasize:

- **Commitment to Academic Excellence:** Our educators are dedicated professionals who will continue to provide high-quality instruction that meets the academic needs of every student. We will maintain our focus on rigorous curriculum standards and innovative teaching practices to ensure your student(s) receives a top-notch education.
- **Preserving Essential Programs:** Despite financial constraints, we will prioritize essential programs and initiatives that directly benefit student learning and development. This includes maintaining core academic subjects, enrichment opportunities, and activities that contribute to a well-rounded education.
- **Fiscal Responsibility:** In light of the budget reduction, we will implement measures to maximize efficiency and ensure responsible stewardship of our resources. This involves streamlining operations and seeking cost-saving solutions wherever possible to minimize the impact on educational programs and services.

We recognize that overcoming budgetary challenges requires a collective effort. As we navigate this period of adjustment, we are committed to working hand-in-hand with our community. Your active participation is vital in shaping the path forward for our school district and community. Together, we can weather this storm and emerge stronger, united in our shared commitment to providing an exceptional education for every student.

**The following page outlines adjustments we will need to make for the start of the 2024-2025 school year to balance our budget along with our strategic plans for 2024 through 2029.**

Thank you for your continued partnership, understanding, and support as we continue to provide an exceptional education for all students within BASD.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jill Oelslager

# 2024-2025 District Changes



## Budget Adjustments

As a system we have to reduce our budget by \$5 million dollars as we move into the 2024-2025 school year due to the failure of the February 2024 operational referendum.

Below are the larger adjustments the district will need to execute to balance our budget:



## Closing of Lyons Center Elementary School

One way to reduce our expenses is to operate with less buildings. Therefore, the district/school board decided to close Lyons Elementary School for the start of the 2024-2025 school year.



## Staffing

The closing of a school building allows the district to become more efficient with staffing. Therefore, BASD will be reducing staff by 40 + employees as we move into the 2024-2025 school year.



## Grade Configuration & Redistricting

With the closing of a school building and reduction in staffing the district took a look at our grade configuration and saw the opportunity to create a new grade configuration that will allow a more effective and efficient educational system for our students and families:

- 4K will be housed at Dyer Elementary School
- 5K - 4th grade at Dyer, Waller, and Winkler
- 5th - 8th grade at Karcher Middle School
- 9th - 12th grade at Burlington High School



## Number of School Days Adjustment

As another cost-saving measure the district/board has adjusted the school calendar with a start date of September 3 and end date of May 23. The new 2024-2025 school calendar is included within this guide and is located on our basd website.



## Student Fees & Facility Use Fees

Additionally, to assist with expenses the district has to increase student and facility use fees. Therefore, there will be increases in fees for:

- Clubs, athletics, fine arts, and/or other extracurriculars
- Beginning of the year registration fees
- Outside user groups

Once the increases are finalized and approved by the school board the district will communicate the changes with families and the community.

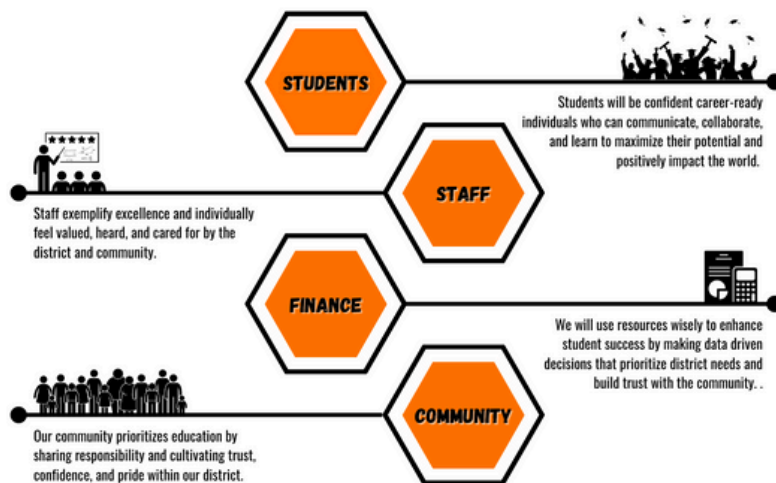
# 2024-2029 Strategic Plan

In January 2024 the school board approved the following strategic plan for 2024 through 2029.

The development of this strategic plan involved the engagement, recommendations, and opinions of students, parents, business owners, community members, and staff.

As the district progresses forward, specific strategies will be developed on a yearly basis to guide our work and achieve our goals.

To view the full strategic plan click [HERE](#).





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## FAMILY CALENDAR 2024-2025

JULY 2024						
S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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28	29	30	31			

AUGUST 2024						
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SEPTEMBER 2024						
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29	30					

OCTOBER 2024						
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NOVEMBER 2024						
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24	25	26	NA	NA	NA	30

DECEMBER 2024						
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	28
29	NA	NA				

JANUARY 2025						
S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
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12	13	14	15*	16	17	18
19	NA	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

FEBRUARY 2025						
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MARCH 2025						
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30	31					

APRIL 2024						
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MAY 2025						
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25	NA	27	28	29	30	31

JUNE 2025						
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29	30					

- Sept. 2 Holiday/Labor Day
- Sept. 3-6 4K/ 5K Staggered
- Sept. 3 1st Day for 1-4, 5, 7, 9  
(no school for 6, 8, 10-12)
- Sept. 4 1st Day Grades 6, 8, 10-12  
(no school for 5, 7)
- Sept. 11 Late Start (Mandatory Staff Training)
- Sept. 25 Late Start (Mandatory Staff Training)
- Oct. 9 Late Start (Mandatory Staff Training)
- Oct. 23 Late Start (Mandatory Staff Training)
- Oct. 25 Day of Non-attendance
- Nov. 6 Late Start (Mandatory Staff Training)
- Nov. 18 End of Trimester 1 (PreK-8)
- Nov. 20 Late Start (Mandatory Staff Training)
- Nov. 27-29 Days of Non-attendance
- Dec. 4 Late Start (Mandatory Staff Training)
- Dec. 18 Late Start (Mandatory Staff Training)
- Dec. 23-Jan. 3 Winter Break
- Jan. 6 School resumes
- Jan. 15 Late Start, End of Semester 9-12  
(Mandatory Staff Training)
- Jan. 20 Day of Non-attendance MLK Jr.
- Jan. 29 Late Start (Mandatory Staff Training)
- Feb. 12 Late Start (Mandatory Staff Training)
- Feb. 26 Late Start (Mandatory Staff Training)
- Feb. 28 Day of Student non-attendance  
(Mandatory Staff Training)
- Mar. 12 Late Start (Mandatory Staff Training)
- Mar. 21 End of Trimester 2 (PreK-8)
- Mar. 24-28 Spring Break
- April 2 Late Start (Mandatory Staff Training)
- April 16 Late Start (Mandatory Staff Training)
- April 18 Day of Non-attendance
- April 30 Late Start (Mandatory Staff Training)
- May 14 Late Start (Mandatory Staff Training)
- May 23 Last Day of School  
-End of Trimester 3 (PreK-8) & Sem. 2 (9-12)

LEGEND	
**	First Day / Last Day of School
	Late Start (Mandatory Staff Training)
( )	End of Trimester (PreK-8)
*	End of Semester (9-12)
NA	Day of Non-Attendance

### Start / End Times:

BHS	7:15-2:47	Late Starts 8:50-2:47
Karcher	7:15-2:47	Late Starts 8:50-2:47
Cooper	8:05-3:30	Late Starts 9:55-3:30
Dyer	7:55-3:20	Late Starts 9:45-3:20
Waller	8:05-3:30	Late Starts 9:55-3:30
Winkler	8:15-3:40	Late Starts 10:05-3:40

PreK-4 (T1: 56 T2: 55 T3: 56) 9-12 (S1: 84 S2: 83)

Total Student Days: 167

Updated: April 1, 2024

# Back to School Open House and Freshmen Break In



**August  
28th**

**4K:** 4:00 - 5:30  
**Elementary:** 5:30 - 6:30  
**Karcher Middle School:** 6:30 - 7:30  
**Burlington High School:** 5:30 - 6:30

This is a great opportunity for students to familiarize themselves with their classrooms and teachers for the 2024-2025 school year! Freshmen Break In will be on August 23rd, prior to our first home football game. More details will be in the back to school newsletter.

## Wednesday Late Start Information

BASD will be utilizing Wednesday late starts during the 2024-2025 school year. There will be 17 late start Wednesdays throughout the school year which are indicated in "yellow" on the family school calendar (noted within this guide along with on the BASD website).



### THE WHY?

- Due to the failed referendum, BASD needs to make cost saving adjustments with our calendar. This results in 10 less school days per year.
- By adding late starts to our calendar, we are able to provide mandatory trainings and professional development to our staff, while not adding additional days to the calendar.

**BHS School  
Start time:**

**7:15 AM**

**BHS School Start  
time on Wednesday  
Late Start:**

**8:50 AM**

## Transportation

- Information about pick up and drop off procedures will be shared this summer, as well as bussing for late start Wednesdays. Thomas bus will share information for bus riders at the end of July via email.

 **Thomas Bus phone number: (262) 763-7564**

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