



March 24, 2017

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Today Burnt Ranch Elementary School District was informed that mold was discovered in all school buildings. The District scheduled an emergency board meeting to authorize the Governing Board of the school district, and with the approval of the County Superintendent of Schools, to close the campus effective immediately, due to this emergency. The Board also authorized the District to enter into a contract for the performance of labor and furnishings of materials or supplies without advertising or inviting bids in an Emergency and when repairs, work, or improvements to the District are necessary.

In connection with an ongoing building project, the District commissioned an industrial hygienist to test all areas of Burnt Ranch Elementary School. The affected areas compromised with mold have been identified and are now closed. These include the Main Classroom building (Rooms 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and library), Room 7, the Multi-purpose Room (gymnasium and kitchen), Bear Den and the office building.

Due to the closure of all school buildings, **regular classes will not be held starting Monday, March 27.** All students will be offered two-week Independent Study contracts for the period of 3/27/17 to 4/7/17. As part of the Independent Study program, all scheduled off-campus field trips will still take place. We will be in contact with those details prior to any trips.

We have scheduled two community meetings to inform and take questions. The first meeting will be today at 5:30pm. It will be held at the USFS station across the street from the school. The second meeting is tentatively scheduled for 9:00am Monday, March 27, 2017 at a location to be determined. We will post the information on our website and also send out an automated message with more details. We plan to have all Independent Study contracts and work ready by the Monday meeting. If you are unable to attend, we will make arrangements for pick-up or delivery of your child(ren)'s school work.

The District will be working diligently to secure portable buildings for our campus so that regular classes can resume after the Spring Break. We will notify you of plans via the Burnt Ranch Elementary School District website, [www.bresd.org](http://www.bresd.org) and through our automated phone/e-mail/text system.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please call or text me at (530) 262-7250. My email address is [kgraham@tcoek12.org](mailto:kgraham@tcoek12.org).

Thank you for your patience and understanding as the District works through this emergency, to ensure a safe and healthy learning environment for our children.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Graham  
Superintendent/Principal