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Bellflower Unified School District  
Board of Education  
16703 South Clark Ave.  
Bellflower, CA 90706

RE: Remote Agenda Item 7.3.1.4: Access to BUSD Board Meetings, Live Recordings

Dear Honorable Board Members:

As state legislators representing the Bellflower Unified School District service area, we write to strongly urge you to implement a live virtual option, and a recorded option for later viewing, for those members of the public wishing to view or participate in all future district board meetings.

The public's participation in the governing and policy making process is a core attribute of a healthy democracy and civic life. Given the deadly surge in COVID-19 cases in Los Angeles County, many of our constituents are unable to attend a board meeting in-person. In fact, many would be putting their lives and the lives of others at risk by attending. To resolve this issue, the Board should provide a live virtual viewing option so that parents may participate in the meeting.

Additionally, recorded meetings would also allow constituents who are unable to view meetings in real time to participate. By creating a virtual streaming option and recording that virtual meeting, the Board would increase the parents' opportunities to stay informed and up to date on the decisions that will affect their children's and our community's well-being. This is more important than ever during these unprecedented times of change and response to the COVID-19 virus.

Virtual access and viewing of public meetings is a well-established policy for governing bodies across our state. It is for these reasons that we strongly encourage the board to adopt a policy that allows remote participation and viewing of all future meetings both during and after this pandemic. We appreciate your thoughtful consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

**ANTHONY RENDON**  
Assemblymember, 63rd District

**CRISTINA GARCIA**  
Assemblymember, 58th District