

**DUAL LANGUAGE**



**IMMERSION PROGRAM**

Parent Information Meeting  
February 7, 2019

# Welcome!



- Dr. Roxane Fuentes - Superintendent
- Dr. Joe McCreary - Assistant Superintendent of Education Services
- Krista Castellou - Toyon Principal
- Tina Choy - Cherrywood Principal
- Yanni Fan - Mandarin Dual Immersion Teacher (Kindergarten)
- Lidia Vazquez - Coordinator of Education Services
- Lourdes Calande - Spanish Interpreter

# Agenda

- Superintendent Welcome
- What is Dual Immersion?
- Toyon's Dual Immersion Program
- Registration Process in BUSD
- Questions & Answers



# What is Dual Immersion?

- Immersion education is an alternative educational model designed to provide students with fluency and literacy in two languages.
- In this program, all students develop literacy in Spanish first with the gradual addition of English.
- Students in the Dual Immersion Program are taught using California State Standards in English as well as Mandarin/Spanish with closely aligned curriculum.
- Both English and Mandarin/Spanish are taught daily and the students interact in both languages as appropriate.

# Program Overview

- Inclusion Model
- Sobrato Early Academic Language (SEAL) strategies  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y8l4hEQjT0I>
- Rotation between Dual Immersion teacher and English Only Teacher
- Parent Advisory Committee

# Dual Immersion Program Model

<u>Grade</u>	<u>% of time Spanish/Mandarin</u>	<u>% of time English</u>
<b>Kindergarten</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>20%</b>
<b>1st grade</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>20%</b>
2nd grade	70%	30%
3rd grade	60%	40%
4th grade	50%	50%
5th grade	50%	50%

# Grade Levels for the 2019 - 2020 School Year

Spanish - Kindergarten  
& possibly 1st grade  
Toyon Elementary School

Mandarin - Kindergarten  
1st & 2nd grade (limited space)  
Cherrywood Elementary School

# Registration Process

- The goal is to have a balance of English only (50% of the class) and Heritage speakers (50% of the class) enrolled in our Dual Immersion Program.
- In order for students to be successful in the Dual Immersion Program, students should have a strong foundation in their Heritage language.
- Kindergarten parents - register through the online portal (opening February 11th)
- The Dual Immersion application is available through the Education Services department - to be turned in during Kindergarten registration night.



# Registration Process (Cont.)

Classroom placement will be based on the following criterion:

1. Attendance Area Students (Cherrywood or Toyon)
  2. Sibling is already in the Dual Immersion program (Cherrywood)
  3. BUSD Students (from our other 9 elementary schools)
  4. Inter-District Permits as Space Allows
- ❖ Please note: Student language classification will be considered to meet 50% classroom balance.

# Registration Nights

March 7th - Noble, Summerdale, Toyon & Vinci Park

March 14th - Cherrywood, Majestic Way & Ruskin

March 21st - Brooktree, Laneview, & Northwood

- Bring all final registration documentation and Dual Immersion registration

# Q & A

