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Dear Members of the Bullis Charter School Community,

It is with great pleasure that I share with you BCS' 2012 Academic Performance Index Results.

BCS earned a score of 994 on the API, making our school:

- One of the top ten public schools in the state;
- the highest-performing public charter school in California, and
- the highest-performing school in the local community.

This achievement is a testament to our incredible and committed teachers and faculty, along with our unique academic approach. We did not achieve these results by teaching to the test, but by treating each student as an individual and crafting an education that meets his/her needs. At BCS, students experience an education rooted in character development, project-based learning and a rigorous international curriculum, all with the goal of inspiring them to reach their full potential. Each teacher is treated as an expert practitioner, empowered to collaborate with the whole staff and entrusted to create learning opportunities that support students' unique academic levels and learning styles.

I am also encouraged by the fact that over the past nine years, BCS has not only grown in size, but also in the strength and quality of our academic program. For the first time, we now serve more than 500 students, with 516 LASD and surrounding community members enrolled at BCS. Our program has grown to include more than 50 co- and extra-curricular classes that are integrated into a comprehensive K-8 academic program. In our middle school, every student takes a foreign language, music, art and drama, while also learning through a comprehensive social emotional curriculum that emphasizes leadership, resiliency, collaboration and goal-setting as well as a mentor program.

It is our community, not API scores, that makes our school great. BCS parents, time and time again, demonstrate they are dedicated, supportive and willing to help in a myriad of ways – both inside and outside the classroom. Your involvement at BCS is core to our success and I thank you for all you do.

We know you have a choice in education and we are honored to be entrusted with your children. Congratulations on these outstanding results.

Sincerely,

Wanny Hersey
Superintendent/Principal

Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire.

WILLIAM BUTLER YEATS