MAJOR ACTION **Bellflower Unified School Board**
March 12, 2026

TO: Board President and Board Members

FROM: Erin M. Simon, Ed.D., Superintendent

SUBJECT: CLOSURE OF BELLFLOWER ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAM

SUMMARY:

It is proposed that the Board of Education approve the closure of Bellflower Alternative Education effective June 30, 2026.

RATIONALE:

Over the past several years, Bellflower Unified School District has experienced sustained enrollment declines and shifts in student placement patterns. Enrollment in Bellflower Alternative Education (BAE) has decreased to a level that no longer supports a stable, educationally sound program or the fiscally responsible operation of a separate site.

At the same time, the District has strengthened its ability to serve students' academic, behavioral, and social-emotional needs in our comprehensive schools and county-operated schools. Through the implementation of Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS), Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS), and relationship-centered practices such as Capturing Kids' Hearts, our schools are better equipped to provide targeted interventions, intensive supports, and inclusive student success plans on campus.

As a result, consolidating services and transitioning students from BAE into other available settings allows the District to maintain high-quality supports for students while aligning staffing and resources with current enrollment realities and long-term fiscal sustainability.

Additionally:

- The District continues to address ongoing fiscal pressures due to State funding constraints and declining ADA.
- Alternative education services can be more effectively delivered in Los Angeles County settings.
- This action aligns with the District's commitment to long-term fiscal stability while maintaining high-quality educational services for students.

The District will ensure that all students currently enrolled in Bellflower Alternative Education are placed in appropriate educational programs that meet their academic and social-emotional needs. Staff affected will be assigned to other school sites.

COMMENTS:

At the request Executive Cabinet.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

- Reduction in District ADA revenue associated with students transitioning to Los Angeles County-operated programs; however, the associated decrease in staffing and operational costs results in an overall positive fiscal impact to the District
- Reduction of 1 FTE of certificated school administrator
- Elimination of administrative and operational costs tied exclusively to the Bellflower Alternative Education program
- Continued shared facility costs (utilities, maintenance, custodial services) to support ATC operations
- More efficient allocation of staffing and student support resources at receiving sites

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

That the Board of Education approve the closure of Bellflower Alternative Education effective June 30, 2026.

BELLFLOWER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-03

CLOSURE OF BELLFLOWER ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION

WHEREAS, the Bellflower Unified School District ("District") has experienced sustained declining enrollment over the past several years; and

WHEREAS, State funding for educational programs has decreased as a result of the declining enrollment; and

WHEREAS, the District has prioritized strengthening student academic, behavioral, and social-emotional support through the implementation of Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS), Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS), and relationship-centered practices such as Capturing Kids' Hearts; and

WHEREAS, alternative education services can be more effectively delivered through Los Angeles County Office of Education; and

WHEREAS, as result of the District's actions and programs, students from BAE are able to be placed in alternative educational programs that provide expanded educational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the BAE program no longer provides an added benefit to the District's students and community.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Bellflower Unified School District hereby resolves as follows:

1. The BAE program will close at the end of the 2025/2026 school year.

ADOPTED THIS TWELFTH DAY OF MARCH 2026, BY THE BELLFLOWER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION.

BOARD OF EDUCATION
BELLFLOWER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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PRESIDENT, BOARD OF EDUCATION

ATTEST:

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BOARD CLERK, BOARD OF EDUCATION