



RUSD Headline News Wednesday, February 10, 2021

A Message from Superintendent, Dr. Nancy Lynch

Dear Parents and Guardians,

From the Board Room:

This is a new section added to Headline News on the Wednesday following a Regular Board meeting. The content is written by two Trustees to update you on what was discussed or approved at the meeting.

- The 6th grade advisory team shared the evolution of the focus of the Advisory program at Del Mar to its current focus on kindness, self-esteem and good acts.
- The Board reviewed staffing and enrollment changes for next year, emphasizing the need to right-size the district for its current enrollment.
- Dr. Lynch provided an overview on the work in process on modifications and changes needed to move into phase 4 ([Recording Time 1.07.44](#)). The superintendent will report on any new information or updates that may have occurred at the next regular Board meeting.
- The Board approved the Del Mar standards-based grading report cards after reviewing the history of the changes. Principal Lynch's deck can be found [here](#).
- The Board-selected Superintendent Search consultants are soliciting feedback [here](#). The next special meeting on this topic is February 18th at 8am to review Leadership Associates findings and finalize the job posting. Dr. Lynch will retire in July, at the end of this school year.

RUSD Leader for In-Person Learning:

Did you know?

- RUSD is the first Marin County School District, that enrolls more than 120 students, to open campuses with full cohorts at elementary and $\frac{3}{4}$ cohorts in middle school?
- RUSD more on-campus instructional hours every week than other districts.
- This progress has only been achieved through a tremendous amount of collaboration, planning and execution (labor partner MOUs, SSSPP plans

for reopening, phases of reintroduction, facilities and furniture installations, outdoor learning areas, schedules that promote safety for all, daily health screening, everyone following protocols and procedures, etc.)

- By following all of the protocols, adhering to current CDPH and Marin HHS recommendations that follow CDC guidance, we are leaders in our county, region and most of the state in bringing students back to in person instruction.
- We absolutely need to celebrate everyone who has played a critical part in making this happen, from administrators to teachers, parents to staff and departments, and importantly STUDENTS! We have accomplished this together.

It is crucial to remember that all of this progress occurred while we continue to be in the midst of a global pandemic. We are not back to normal yet. As we continue in Phase 3, while making plans for Phase 4, it is more important than ever for the community to be vigilant in adhering to protocols and following Public Health guidance to ensure we can keep our schools open and making progress forward.

Updated Protocol in Accordance with Public Health for Quarantined Cohort Siblings:

- Siblings of non-COVID positive student in a quarantined class may return to school ONLY IF the student who may have been exposed can quarantine from the rest of the family.
- We recognize that it is easier to quarantine a middle school student than an elementary child, so this may not be possible for many families.
- Parents may still keep all children at home until they have tested negative prior to siblings returning to school.

Traffic and Safety Message from Tiburon Police and RUSD:

Traffic and safety around schools has always been a concern during start and dismissal times of the day. In an effort to remind our community about rules of the road around schools, we have partnered with the Tiburon Police Department to communicate the following message to the broader community. They have posted this important information on Nextdoor and other platforms, and I am including the message here for parents.

To keep everyone safe and traffic moving smoothly, please:

- Stop for school buses when they stop to pick up or drop off children. A stop sign and flashing lights on the bus are activated when the bus stops. Not stopping is a violation of the vehicle code and a safety hazard.
- Do not stop in the middle of the road or blocking driveways when dropping off or picking up students.
- Do not make U-turns in the middle of the street(s) around the schools.
- Obey all stop signs and other traffic signs.
- Use the crosswalks when walking across the roads.
- Please slow down when children are present.

Equity Resources for Families:

Sometimes I share resources with you that have been shared with RUSD staff. This [video](#) was used recently to spark discussion in our continued work in equity and inclusion.

Also, check out this wonderful [resource](#) that highlights books you may consider purchasing for your children that you can share, discuss and enjoy as a family.

Public Health [info link](#)

Warm regards,

Nancy Lynch, Ed.D.
Superintendent

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