



## RUSD Headline News Wednesday, January 26, 2022

Dear RUSD Community,

- Save the Date for a Superintendent Chat - February 1st from 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM by Zoom.
- Public Health Changes - outdoor masks optional, spectators allowed for indoor extracurricular events, large gatherings allowed, no broad exposure notifications.
- Looking for people interested in serving on our new Master Facility Planning Group and a Math Task Force. I would love to hear from you.
- Board meetings are held in person unless members must follow public health guidelines.
- If interested, antigen tests are available from the federal government: <https://special.usps.com/testkits>

**If you are interested in more detailed information, please see below:**

**Please Join the Superintendent Zoom Chat** - Please join me on February 1st on Zoom from 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM for a Superintendent Chat. I will give an update on district topics and also have time for questions and answers. Watch for the Zoom link that will be sent out on January 31st. Look for these to occur on an ongoing basis. I look forward to seeing you.

### **Change to Notifications from Public Health**

- Outdoor masks are optional. Staff and students should consider wearing a mask in crowded outdoor settings.
- Spectators can attend indoor extracurricular events.
- Large gatherings are allowed indoors. (Additional guidelines in place for group sizes over 500.)
- Public Health no longer recommends that schools send broad COVID-19 positive exposure notifications. Instead, the recommendation is that all Marin residents monitor symptoms and get tested if COVID-related symptoms develop.
- Here's [a link to the detailed 32-point plan](#)

### **Forming a Master Facility Planning Group**

I am excited to announce that we are beginning work around facility planning. The commitment is 1-2 short meetings per month for about one year. If you are

interested in analyzing facilities and participating in setting a vision about how to continue improving, then consider serving in this role. Please contact me at [kmcgrath@reedschools.org](mailto:kmcgrath@reedschools.org) if you are interested.

### **Math Task Force**

In addition, I am forming a Math Task Force. As you likely know, we have strong math instruction, and we also want to always continue to move forward. This Task Force will give time and attention to ensuring that we continue to improve and focus on providing high-quality math instruction. Please reach out to me if interested in contributing to this group.

### **Board Meetings Held In Person**

RUSD School Board meetings have been held in person for this school year, and will continue to be held in person. A Zoom link will be added only when a School Board member or involved staff member must stay home in order to follow public health guidelines.

### **4 Free Antigen Tests Available from the Federal Government**

The federal government is providing households with one set of 4 free at-home test kits. If you are interested, follow this link to place your household's order <https://special.usps.com/testkits>

### **Kindergarten Registration**

If you have an incoming kindergartner (must be 5 years old by September 1, 2022), please plan to complete the [online registration](#) during the week of January 25-28.

Warm regards,  
Kimberly McGrath  
Superintendent  
Reed Union School District  
"We are even stronger together!"

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**Del Mar Leadership Class** – Ms. Kathleen Gaine, leadership teacher at Del Mar, and several students from the Del Mar leadership class gave insight into their various activities and learnings during the school year.

**Superintendent's Update** – Ms. Kimberly McGrath, Superintendent, provided further details on COVID-19 in the RUSD schools, changes in Public Health protocols, and bond refinancing.

**LCAP Mid-year Progress** – Superintendent McGrath and Coordinator of Special Projects Ms. Ashley Williams gave an update on the progress to date on the LCAP goals. A high level overview of results from CAASP, Youth Truth and Healthy Kids survey were discussed, with a more detailed review at the next board meeting.

**Facilities Master Planning** – The board voted 5-0 to approve a contract with Capitol Public Finance Group for Long Range Facilities Master Plan Professional Services. This group will help create a much-needed plan for our school facilities including our Granada Site.

**Del Mar Math** – The board voted 4-1 to teach Math 7C to all 7th grade students effective in the 2023-24 school year. A special study session to discuss math in detail was held on January 11th where teachers and administrators spoke on the merits of leveling up our math program for all 7th graders. The presentation can be found [here](#).

**2022-23 School Calendar** – Revisions were made to the 2022-23 school year calendar to account for the celebration of the New Year's holiday and to better align with the Tam High School District. The new calendar can be found [here](#).



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[VOTE HERE](#) for your 2022 PTA Nominating Committee by Monday, January 31st @12PM.

The Nominating Committee will consist of five members plus one alternate and

will be tasked with compiling a slate of qualified candidates to serve in various roles. Open board positions to be filled: Reed Site Chair, Del Mar Site Chair, District Executive Vice President, Auditor & District Treasurer.

Thank you to the following candidates for volunteering to serve:

Amanda Hyslop

Tracey Paull

Christine Neumeier

Chuck Hornbrook

Annie Defeche

Samantha Chatham

Juliette Decker

Amy Dugdale

Toni Lee

\*\*Please note that you must be a PTA Member to cast your vote [PAY](#)  
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