



RUSD Headline News Wednesday, January 27, 2021

A Message from Superintendent, Dr. Nancy Lynch

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I am so grateful and proud of the joint efforts that have led to our school campuses reopening more fully than others in our region and across the state during the continually changing environment of this global pandemic. We accomplished this by everyone working together and doing their part to ensure our schools minimize the risk of the spread of COVID-19 so that our campuses can remain open. We have come so far since last March; it is sometimes hard to fully comprehend the progress that we have made together.

Stay at Home Order Lifted:

By now you have heard the good, but cautious, news that Marin County is no longer under the Stay at Home order. While this is a huge relief, it is more important than ever to continue best practices to limit the spread of the virus by wearing face coverings, physical distancing and hand washing. Marin county is now returning to the [Tier 1 \(purple\) status](#) which means:

- Actionally daily health screening questions will be modified pertaining to travel and gatherings to align with current Public Health guidelines. It is important that families and staff remember that non-essential travel is strongly discouraged to other states and countries; and gatherings should be with no more than 3 total households while wearing masks and physical distancing for two hours or less
- It is important to follow Tier I guidance as we approach and enter the Mid-Winter break which is February 15th-19th

COVID-19 Vaccines for Staff:

The vaccine schedule for staff has been put on hold until community members who are 75 years or older have been vaccinated, and then individuals 65-74 years old according to the updated [distribution model](#) reported by Marin Public Health. This is disappointing as it will push out the timeline for all staff to receive vaccines by a month or more. We believe that all staff should have their vaccinations by spring. This is an important step to enable adults on campus to work with more cohorts of students.

Marin County Schools COVID-19 Data

This [link](#) is maintained by the Marin County Office of Education to track the number of in-person days for students throughout the county as well as the current status of in-school transmissions. This link will be included in future Headline News so that families will always have access to this information.

Equity Resources for Families:

The article, [Here's How to Raise Race-Conscious Children](#), provides targeted and meaningful guidance for parents which includes discussions and behaviors you can share with your children about race. This article is geared toward elementary children, however, is very applicable and adaptable to middle grade students. There are seven recommended strategies which are titled:

1. Get comfortable talking and learning about race, racism, and racial equity
2. Ask questions
3. Use the concept of fairness
4. Empower
5. Connect the past with the present and future
6. Model behaviors for children
7. Encourage complex, critical thinking

Short notice! The Anti-Defamation League is hosting *Engaging in Difficult Conversations* tomorrow from 12:00–1:00 PM on January 28. [Click here to register](#).

Superintendent Search Update – Opportunities to Provide Input to Consultants Next Week

The Board of Trustees has engaged Leadership Associates, an executive search firm, to assist in finding the next RUSD Superintendent and would like your input regarding the desired personal and professional qualities of the incoming superintendent. Your comments will be used in the development of the candidate profile, recruitment process, and reference checking. The consultants will also compile a summary of all comments received and share the report with the Board and with the new superintendent.

There will be two opportunities for you to provide your input beginning Monday, February 1st.

- You may complete the anonymous online survey which will be available from February 1st through February 12th to provide your input to the search consultants
- You may participate in a Zoom Community Forum with the consultants on Tuesday, February 2nd, from 5:00-6:00 PM. The Zoom details of this event will be distributed to the district community on Monday, February 1st.

You may also get information on the search process, search timeline, a Q & A document, and updates on the progress of the search anytime by going to the Superintendent Search page of the district website [here](#).

Warm regards,

Nancy Lynch, Ed.D.
Superintendent

Have questions or comments?

Click on the **Parent Feedback Form**. A few of our District Communications Committee members will regularly check this link for new questions and comments and will be able to help respond to questions promptly.

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