



## RUSD Headline News Wednesday, February 9, 2022

RUSD,

I hope you're having a fantastic week. I've included a few district updates below. Also, keep in mind that the Mid-Winter break begins Monday, February 21st.

- Active COVID Cases - 10 students and 4 staff members Thanks for all you're doing to stay diligent.
- Some Public Health adjustments are likely to occur in mid-February.
- Complete the TK interest survey and spread the word.
- Highest possible credit rating received which will help us to secure the best rates for our bond refunding.
- Thanks for the great response to the Math Task Force and the Master Facility Planning Committee. We'll be in touch soon.
- Save the Date for the next Superintendent Chat. It will be held on Zoom on March 1st between 11:30am - 12:30pm.

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

- **COVID Data**

Our current number of active COVID cases is ten students and four staff members. Thank you to everyone for your continued diligence with our mitigation efforts.

- **Upcoming Public Health Adjustments**

Governor Newsom's [Mask Mandate](#) expires on 2/15/22 that states masks are required to be worn indoors by all employees and patrons. This mask requirement applies to workplaces. This week, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) stated that they do not have plans to remove the universal indoor masking requirement for schools on 2/16/22. They do intend to put out a "roadmap" of repealing mitigations.

The CDPH Masking Guidance states:

"The masking requirement in California schools has allowed us to keep schools open when compared to other parts of the country. California accounts for roughly 12% of all U.S. students, but accounted for only 1% of COVID-19

related school closures during the Omicron surge. Nationally during the Delta surge in July and August 2021, jurisdictions without mask requirements in schools experienced larger increases in pediatric case rates, and school outbreaks were 3.5 times more likely in areas without school mask requirements."

The state will also likely be returning to the previous mega event definitions of 1,000+ indoors and 10,000+ outdoors on February 16th. As always, I will stay in touch with the changing guidelines.

- **Transitional Kindergarten (TK) Interest Survey**

The State of California has designed a multi-year phase-in model which will provide pre-kindergarten for all 4 year olds by the 2025-26 school year. To be eligible for the 2022-23 school year, students must turn 5 between September 2, 2022 and February 2, 2023. If you have a child that lives within our school boundaries that will turn 5 years old in that date range, please complete this interest survey. Please feel free to share this link with neighbors or friends in the community who may have children who qualify for TK. RUSD is determining how many interested families exist within our boundaries to help with our planning process. [\(TK\) Interest Survey Link](#)

- **Highest Credit Rating Received**

As I've mentioned previously, we are refunding/refinancing our current bonds. This refinancing gives money back to local taxpayers due to the current available lower interest rates. We received a AAA Rating from S&P. This is the highest rating possible. This will help us to secure the lowest possible interest rates at the time of pricing. Thank you to our CBO, Carlos Estrella, and to our School Board for ensuring our finances are in excellent shape.

- **Great Parent and Community Response!**

Thank you for the excellent response for the Math Task Force and the Master Facility Planning Committee. I appreciate your dedication and willingness to give your time in order to continue to move the district forward.

Warm regards,  
Kimberly McGrath  
Superintendent  
Reed Union School District  
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# RUSD Board of Trustees

At the RUSD Board Meeting on Tuesday, February 8th, the following topics were reviewed:

- **Bel Aire Overview** – John DiCosmo, principal at Bel Aire gave insight into the various activities and learnings at Bel Aire School associated with Black History Month and Student Council.
- **Superintendent's Update**- Kimberly McGrath, Superintendent, gave further information on the continuing evolution of COVID mitigation strategies in the RUSD schools, Facilities Master Plan, Comprehensive Safety Plan and an update on the modernization of the existing sirens. The publicly facing Comprehensive Safety Plan document can be found [here](#).
- **CAASPP Data** -Coordinator of Special Projects Ashley Williams gave an update on the results of the 2021 CAASPP scores. The deck can be found [here](#).
- **CHKS & Youth Truth** - Del Mar Assistant Principal Michael Song and Coordinator of Special Projects Ashley Williams presented the results of the fall surveys. The presentation can be found [here](#).
- **Bond Refinancing** - The board voted 5-0 to approve the refinancing of our General Obligation Bonds. The savings are expected to be passed back to taxpayers spread over the remaining term of the bond. The district received an AAA bond rating.
- **Transitional Kindergarten** - Interest is being collected for next year's class. The district is brainstorming what Pre-K at RUSD will be as we move toward universal pre-k for all targeted for the 2025-6 school year.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 8th.



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PTA Nominating Committee for 2022

Thank you, PTA members for your votes, and to all the candidates for volunteering to serve. The following individuals have been elected to this year's

## Nominating Committee:

Amanda Hyslop  
Amy Dugdale  
Annie Defesche  
Christine Neumeier  
Sam Chatham

Chuck Hornbrook will serve as alternate. The Nominating Committee will meet over the next several weeks to develop a slate of PTA officers for the 2022-2023 school year. Open positions include Reed Site Chair, Del Mar Site Chair, District Executive Vice President, Auditor & District Treasurer. If you are interested in one of these leadership positions, please contact any of the Nominating Committee members or [rusdptasecretary@gmail.com](mailto:rusdptasecretary@gmail.com).

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### **Bel Aire Students & PTA proudly Present Disney Frozen Junior**

Rehearsals are going great for Frozen Jr. and the kids are very excited to show you all of their hard work! Tickets will be going on sale through Eventbrite at 9 am on February 14th for all play families and then released to everyone else at 9:00 AM on February 17th. Sign ups for show date volunteers will be going out soon and we would appreciate your help! Please check the Frozen Jr. website (<https://www.reedschools.org/Page/2146>) for ticket links and the volunteer signup sheet.

## PERFORMANCE DATES & CASTS

### **ARENDELLE CAST**

**Wednesday, March 9 at 6:30 pm**  
**Friday, March 11 at 6:30 pm**  
**Saturday, March 12th at 2:30 pm**

### **MAGIC CAST**

**Thursday, March 10th at 6:30 pm**  
**Saturday, March 12th at 6:30 pm**  
**Sunday, March 13th at 2:30 pm**

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