



## RUSD Headline News Wednesday, February 24, 2021

### A Message from Superintendent, Dr. Nancy Lynch

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back from mid-winter break as we are greeted by blue skies and warmer temperatures. We look forward to students returning for in-person instruction again next week. We have not yet determined if the week following Spring Recess (April 5-9) will also be scheduled for distance learning.

#### **Marin is in the Red:**

Today, Marin County officially entered Tier 2 (red) in regard to the spread of COVID-19. This has allowed for some businesses to open more fully, as well as secondary schools that had yet to open for in-person instruction may now do so beginning on March 1<sup>st</sup>. Please see full details at this [link](#).

We expect to receive a revised and updated Tier 2 decision tree in the next few days that will guide changes to some of the questions that are asked of staff and parents on the Actionaly daily health screening. I will send you the updated tree as soon as it is available and it will also be posted to the COVID section of our District website.

#### **Staff Vaccinations:**

I learned this morning that some of our educators may be able to get their COVID-19 vaccinations on a designated day next week and the following week. This will help us make progress with our plan of giving all staff the opportunity to be vaccinated. Working in collaboration with Marin Public Health, the goal is that school employees would have their first and second vaccinations by spring break. This is an important component for RUSD being able to move to a Phase 4 with more student time on campus. I will provide more updates on this in the coming weeks.

#### **Standardized Testing:**

The U.S. Department of Education announced this week that they will not be allowing states to waive the requirement for standardized testing as occurred last spring. We are expecting to assess our students this spring in grades 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> using a modified SBAC test that has been reduced to half the usual length.

We recognize that this measure is just one data point in the overall assessment of student performance. State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Tony Thurmond, issued this [press release](#) yesterday.

Warm regards,

Nancy Lynch, Ed.D.  
Superintendent

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**Parent Education Event Hosted by The Marin County SELPA**

The Marin County SELPA is hosting a free seminar series on utilizing mindfulness strategies. Please [click here](#) to learn more.

**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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