



## Message from the Superintendent August 7, 2020

### School Reopening Plan Information and Extended Distance Learning Deadline

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we prepare for the 2020-2021 school year, I understand that families have been waiting to hear specific plans for our reopening beyond the information I have provided previously. Now that plans have been formally approved by the Board of Trustees on July 27 and August 6, I am able to share a number of documents with you that provide an overview of what our reopening will look like. The documents included in this letter represent a tremendous amount of time and dedication by our team over the summer to accomplish plans that will ensure the safety of our students and commit that they receive an exceptional learning program in each phase of our reopening. To listen to recordings of the Board meetings go to our [District website](#) to gain more information about the reopening documents.

#### **First Day of School Changed to Monday, August 24:**

The 2020-2021 school calendar is being modified to better facilitate teacher professional development and planning in advance of the distance learning that will be implemented to begin the school year. You can find the newly approved calendar [here](#). The key changes are:

- The **first day of school has been moved to Monday, August 24, 2020** instead of Thursday, August 20.
- Staff Development Days (no students) on October 12, 2020 and March 8, 2021 are now Instructional Days for students as they are being moved prior to the start of the school year on August 20 and 21.

#### **Safely Reopening Schools Plan:**

The Safely Reopening Schools Plan, which outlines the safety protocols and procedures that will be taken when schools reopen based on current Marin County Health and County Office of Education guidance, is available for examination [here](#). This is a living document which will be updated as the guidance from Public Health evolves with time and experience. Please note

that there will be staggered start times at 8:00 AM, 8:30 AM, and 9:00 AM to meet the Safely Reopening Schools guidance, and that ending times will be adjusted accordingly.

### **Phases or Reintroduction Plan:**

The School Reopening Plan for distance learning and Hybrid Model for Reopening were approved by the Board. The Phases of Reintroduction can be viewed [here](#) and you can reference the [presentation here to see the general overview](#). Principals will be sending you additional school specific information on these subjects, including a schedule for the distribution of supplies and technology, in the near future.

### **Extended Distance Learning Program Option:**

The presentation of the Extended Distance Learning Program, for those who choose distance learning instead of in-person learning due to family health concerns, is [here](#). The Board adopted this program however due to the short timeline, students who are enrolled in this program will participate in the standard RUSD distance learning program at the beginning of the school year while the Extended program is developed further using the Acellus program. **If you plan to have your child enroll in this program, and have not yet notified Keith Woodard ([kwoodard@reedschools.org](mailto:kwoodard@reedschools.org)), please do so by Monday, August 10 to assist our staffing and planning purposes.** We request that families commit to the program until minimally January 5, 2021, if not the entire year.

I appreciate your understanding throughout these very challenging times for us all, whether families or school staff. I am confident that our plans will provide a quality and robust educational experience for all of our students whether it is delivered via distance learning or an on-site setting with all appropriate safety considerations in place.

Warm regards,

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Superintendent  
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