



## RUSD Headline News Wednesday, August 18, 2021

Dear RUSD Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back, Reed Union families! We are thrilled to return to full, in-person instruction for all students in the 2021-2022 school year. We are focused and excited to engage students with great teaching, timely academic interventions, and meaningful focus on social emotional learning. And we are excited to do this work together with you! Keep in mind that we are even stronger together!

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC), California Department of Public Health (CDPH), and our County Public Health Agency have provided guidance to direct the actions of a safe return to school for all students. We come prepared to enter this school year with the knowledge of past experiences and a deeper understanding of how the virus spreads. Our intention is to provide safe, in-person learning environments while closely following the Marin County School Guidelines. These measures are vetted by science and come to the District through the advice and direction of health experts.



Please reinforce with your students our 5Hs:  
Healthy (Make sure to check your health each morning and only attend when healthy)  
Hands (Continue to practice hand hygiene)  
Hydration (Bring a water bottle or we'll supply one, stay hydrated and healthy)

Have a mask (Please bring a mask and wear it properly indoors and outdoors for now.)

Happy (We're so happy to see you!)

We must remain vigilant in our individual efforts to fight the spread of COVID-19. This will keep our community healthy; it will allow students and staff to remain in class; and it will enable staff to provide the important strategies and programs needed to continue to focus on safety, unity, individualized academic achievement and student and staff wellness.

As we come together as a school district family this year, let us be intentional about sharing the best of ourselves with others, with our coworkers, our friends, our neighbors, and our families - so our community reflects the best of who we are. Focusing on unity, we are even stronger together! Welcome Back!

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

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# A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear RUSD Parents,

Despite the extreme challenges of 2020-21, our community made education a key priority. Over 500 families donated to the Family Giving Campaign, demonstrating an ability to look beyond the limitations of the pandemic and protect the 43-year legacy of the Foundation for Reed Schools (FRS). **We are humbled by this generosity.**

While grateful for the support, FRS did experience a fundraising shortfall resulting in one teacher layoff. To avoid cutting additional teachers, we borrowed from our reserves and RUSD forgave a portion of our grant commitment, a scenario that will not be financially possible again this year.

We believe in our community. We are confident that with economic stabilization and the return to full time, in-person school, parents will step up once again, and ensure FRS remains the 2nd largest funding source to RUSD.

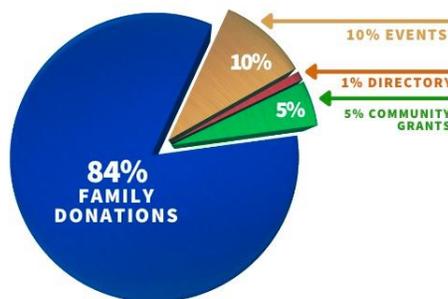
The FRS annual grant allows RUSD to fund 20 additional teachers and offer programs typically only found in private schools. Unlike private school tuition, your gift to FRS is **100% tax deductible** and at \$1,550 per student, costs considerably less.

Marin Private K-8 School	VS.	The Foundation for Reed Schools
<b>\$24,815</b> average tuition per student		<b>\$1,550</b> per student gap

We respectfully ask you to consider a gift of any size to our 2021-22 Family Giving Campaign. **We value gifts at all levels.** We respectfully ask you to consider a gift to our 2021-22 Family Giving Campaign. Let us ensure our children have access to the well rounded, rigorous and robust education that our families have come to expect.

With gratitude,

**Christina Bosch**  
Executive Director  
The Foundation for Reed Schools



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The RUSD Parent Teacher Association (PTA) welcomes you back to school. The RUSD PTA is a membership-based organization that combines the efforts of parent volunteers, teachers and administrators to enhance the school experience of our children. The PTA coordinates parent volunteers and sponsors many events and activities throughout the year. There are many opportunities to get involved and we hope that every family in the district will participate in the PTA this year, both as members and volunteers.

1. Support the PTA by becoming a member!

# JOIN THE PTA TODAY!

**YOUR PARTICIPATION MAKES A DIFFERENCE  
NOW MORE THAN EVER**

**\$30 PER FAMILY  
JOIN HERE**

MEMBERSHIP DUES SUPPORT STUDENT ENRICHMENT,  
COMMUNITY BUILDING EVENTS, PARENT EDUCATION,  
VIRTUAL AND IN-PERSON ASSEMBLIES, TEACHER  
APPRECIATION, PERFORMING ARTS AND MORE

2. RUSD is continuing our proud partnership with Choicelunch to provide school lunches for the 2021-22 school year. Lunch service will begin on Monday, August 23, but you can start placing orders today! Take full control with their easy to use, customizable contactless lunch options. Support the PTA and feed your kids with Choicelunch. A small portion of every lunch purchased is donated to the RUSD PTA. For more information about Choicelunch, [click here](#) or sign up today at <https://www.choicelunch.com/>

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