



## RUSD Headline News Wednesday, September 30, 2020

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

#### **Subject: FEEDBACK NEEDED: ALL RUSD FAMILIES**

RUSD Phase 1 (Distance Learning) is scheduled to end on Friday, October 2. We have heard from many families that given the success they are experiencing in Phase 1 and concern about returning to in-person learning, they would like to see an option to continue in a program similar to Phase 1.

Our ability to provide this option depends upon the number of families who indicate this as their preference. Therefore, **we are asking ALL families to take [this short survey](#)**, to provide us with accurate information as we consider this possibility.

**It is important that families who are not interested also participate in the survey, as this scenario will likely impact many of our families.**

It is also important that families who select this as a preference understand the following:

1. Selecting this as a preference **does not** guarantee the program will exist. Our decision depends on commitment by a significant number of families and staffing availability to form corresponding classes.
2. The program will look very similar to the current distance learning in Phase 1, with a dedicated teacher working with students throughout the day. *However, it is unlikely that your child will have the same teacher that they have now since we will need to reallocate teachers for this position.*
3. If this pathway becomes possible, interested families need to commit to their child's enrollment through the end of the school year (June 11, 2021), or at least until there is a readily available vaccine for Covid-19, as staffing will necessarily shift to accommodate this option.
4. Restructuring our schools to create this as an option will impact many families. Teachers and students will be impacted with possible reassignments.

5. If the number of students warrant creating this alternative for families, it will take time to make the necessary adjustments for this program, so IF offered, it would not start immediately.
6. Parents that choose this option **will not** be able to re-enter the general program since we will no longer have space for their child.

We thank all families for taking a few minutes to complete this short, but important survey by **4:00 pm on Thursday, October 1.**

Thank you for your continued support!

Warm regards,

Nancy Lynch, Ed.D.  
Superintendent

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