



## RUSD Headline News January 9, 2019

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

Dear Parents and Guardians,

#### **IMPORTANT Chronic Absenteeism Information:**

RUSD currently notifies families if their children are truant due to unexcused absences. Beginning February 1st, schools will notify parents of chronic absenteeism as well. When determining chronic absenteeism, there is no differentiation between excused or unexcused absences, the total number of missed days is calculated. Noting the definition provided in EC 60901, the school will calculate chronic absenteeism by the number of days schools has been in session and the number of absences to date.

A "chronic absentee" has been defined in California *Education Code (EC)* Section 60901(c)(1) as "a pupil who is absent on 10 percent or more of the school days in the school year when the total number of days a pupil is absent is divided by the total number of days the pupil is enrolled and school was actually taught in the regular day schools of the district, exclusive of Saturdays and Sundays."

The [California Dashboard](#), released to the public in December provides educators and the community with information about school and district progress on defined indicators. One of these indicators is Chronic Absenteeism. You will note below that RUSD scored in the orange range, which will require Marin County Office of Education assistance and support if our chronic absenteeism rate does not improve in the current year.

RUSD 6.5 % (+1.7%)



Reed 4.2% (-3.2%).



Bel Aire 5.3% (maintain)



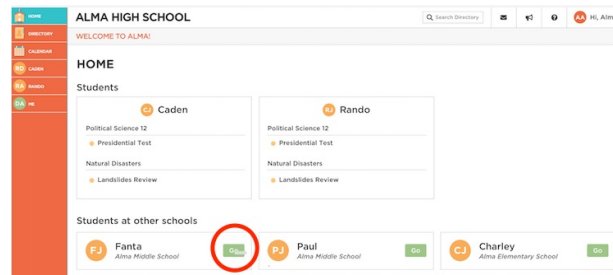
Del Mar 9.2% (+6.7%)



It is important to note that 6.5% of students across the district, and 9.2% at Del Mar specifically, missed 18 or more days of school last year. That is nearly one month of school, with only 162 days or less of attendance to learn the content and meet standards for the grade level.

ALMA (Student Information System) Upgrade:

Parents have reported frustration when utilizing the ALMA student information system, when they must navigate different pages to access information on their children who attended different schools. Now when a parent logs in to ALMA to reference one of their children, they will be able to see any other children they have at another school in the district. Simply click on the GO button to the right of the student's information you wish to access.



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## Kindergarten Registration:

Registration for the 2019–2020 school year will be held January 23, 24 and 25, 2019 at Reed School. Please call (415–435–7840) to make an appointment.

Appointments may be scheduled:  
Wednesday, January 23, from 9 AM to 8 PM  
Thursday, January 24, from 9 AM to 5 PM  
Friday, January 25, from 9 AM to 5 PM

Parents arriving for appointments should come to the office at Reed School, 1199 Tiburon Blvd. (*Please park across the street at the public parking lot on Tiburon Blvd.*)

Please bring the following **ORIGINAL** documents **AND** one photo copy of each to your appointment: Child's *original* birth certificate, *original* immunization records, and *original* proof of residency as described in detail at [this link](#).

Questions? Call Reed School at (415) 435–7840.

Best regards,

Nancy Lynch, Ed.D.  
Superintendent  
Reed Union School District

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**Seeking 2019 PTA Nominating Committee Candidates:** The RUSD PTA is seeking PTA members to serve on the 2019 Nominating Committee for the PTA Executive Board. The committee will be comprised of five members and one alternate with knowledge of all three school sites and their volunteer communities. (To determine which five candidates will serve on the committee and who will serve as an alternate, the names of those expressing an interest in serving on the committee will be voted upon by the PTA membership through a confidential online survey.)

Meetings of the Nominating Committee will be held in February and March with the goal of delivering a final slate by late March. Open board positions to be filled include District President, District Secretary, Reed Treasurer, Bel Aire Treasurer, and Del Mar Treasurer. **Interested candidates: please contact Nichole Rowles at [nrowles@mac.com](mailto:nrowles@mac.com) by January 17th.**

Please note that in order to serve on the Nominating Committee, you must be a PTA member. Sign up for [membership here](#).

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