



RUSD Headline News Wednesday, September 16, 2020

A Message from Superintendent, Dr. Nancy Lynch

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I am grateful that we are able to experience a clearer sky and improved air quality this week. Hopefully this is a good sign for more good news to come!

Schools to Reopen for In-Person Instruction:

Speaking of good news, yesterday we received [information from Marin Public Health](#) that the county is now officially in Tier 2 (Red). This means that if our county is able to remain in Tier 2 for two consecutive weeks, all grades K-8 will be able to return to campus for in-person instruction as early as Tuesday, September 29th. In order for our schools to return to campus, we will need a brief transition period to allow for additional health screening for teachers and staff, on-campus health and safety walks and reviews to be completed, and return-to-school education for all students to help them feel more comfortable and confident when they are able to begin in-person instruction. If we follow our health and safety guidelines as required, we will be able to transition to Phase 2 and return to campus for in-person instruction the week of October 5th.

Key details for Phase 2 are included in our [Phases of Reintroduction Plan](#). All students will participate in distance learning every Monday, which will follow the same schedule as Phase 1. On Tuesday - Friday, split cohorts will return to in-person instruction with a staggered start and dismissal time. Half of the class (split cohort) will attend on Tuesday/Wednesday in person, and the other half will attend on Thursday/Friday. Your child's school and teacher will send you a detailed schedule for the entire week, as well as additional protocols that will need to become part of your family's daily routine. Phase 2 will include an early dismissal schedule to enable students to return home for their virtual afternoon classes and assigned work. Much more information will be coming soon!

Choice Lunch:

When schools reopen for in-person instruction, families are encouraged to order lunch through Choice Lunch. Students will be able to take their “grab and go” lunch home with them when they leave school and parents will not need to plan lunch on those days. By ordering Choice Lunch, you will continue to support our PTA programs.

Yellow Bus:

In an effort to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and minimize the number of classrooms that may have to be quarantined if someone tests positive, bus transportation will not be available at this time. RUSD is a member of the Transportation JPA and will continue to collaborate and provide more information when a date has been determined to resume the program. We understand this decision creates hardship for our families, and we will continue to work with you to explore possible alternate solutions.

RUSD Support of our Jewish Community:

I learned this past weekend about inappropriate social media accounts that were created to target Jewish high school students in our community. These actions are not isolated incidents of Anti-Semitic behaviors and actions in our community and county. RUSD stands with all Marin County School Districts to address issues of intolerance and hate. As a community, we must come together and commit to supporting equity, inclusion and appreciation for all. RUSD fully supports [this letter composed by](#) Tara Taupier, Superintendent of the TAM District and Rabbi Stacy Friedman, Congregation Rodef Sholom to the community.

RUSD LeCAP Presented for Adoption September 22:

The Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan (LeCAP) is intended to balance the needs of all stakeholders, including educators, parents, students and community members, while both streamlining engagement and condensing several pre-existing plans. The LeCAP replaces the LCAP for the 2020–21 school year. The RUSD LeCAP was guided by feedback, input and recommendations gained from stakeholder meetings and surveys. Labor partners and communications committee members provided final input and review of the plan.

The [LeCAP was presented](#) for Public Hearing at the September 15, 2020 Board of Trustees meeting and will be brought for adoption at a Special Board meeting on September 22, 2020.

RUSD Trustee Candidate Forum:

Two of our Trustee seats are up for election in November. Please tune in to this important forum to learn more about the candidates. This event is sponsored by the Marin League of Women Voters and the Ark Newspaper.

THE REED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT CANDIDATE FORUM

7:00-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 30

Watch live on YouTube via <https://arkn.ws/live-forum>

The candidates are:

- DAN EMERSON, Senior Associate Athletic Director for Compliance at the Academy of Art University
- CHARLES HORN BROOK, Tiburon Parks, Open Space and Trails Commission member, Managing Director at Transiliency
- JACQUELINE JAFFEE, Executive Director of Adopt A Family of Marin
- LIZ WEBB, appointed incumbent, Co-founder and CEO of eVOC Insights, a

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During the forum, email questions to reedunion@marinlwg.org

Modified Independent Learning Option:

For families that have not enrolled in the Extended Distance Learning Program, but feel they may not be ready for their child(ren) to return to in-person instruction, we are working on an option that families may participate in. This option will require a commitment by parents to engage in their child's education at a higher level than the other programs our district offers. Although we are still in the development stages, this program will likely use the Accelerate Education platform for students to engage in self-paced learning throughout the day and then have an end of day check-in with an RUSD teacher to answer questions and lend support when needed. This program would require that students be independent learners and parents commit to supporting their child during the day. This option is more fluid and will not require families to make a semester or yearlong commitment. More information will be shared about this option once it is finalized. To help us in this planning process, please complete [this brief survey](#) if you are interested in this option for your child.

THANK YOU!

Thank you for making it though this very long Headline News today. And thank you for all of your support during our Phase 1 distance learning. Much more information will soon be shared with you as we prepare for Phase 2. For now, please help support our efforts to return to school safely by having your child consistently wear a face mask when in public, stay physically distant, wash hands frequently and avoid group gatherings. Thank you for your partnership as we work together for a safe reopening of school.

Warm regards,

Nancy Lynch, Ed.D.
Superintendent

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