



RUSD Headline News Wednesday, April 21, 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It has been pure joy seeing students in the traditional program begin Phase 4, our final phase of the school year. Students are following the protocols to ensure safety for themselves and others when engaging in lunchtime at school. There will be no additional schedule adjustments or changes to the student day.

- All health and safety protocols required by our [School Site Specific Protection Plan](#) (SSSPP) for reopening schools will remain in place
- Daily health screening continues since it is a requirement regardless of the change in tiers
- Information about graduation will be provided by Del Mar later in the spring as the rules and requirements vary depending on the tier we will be in during mid-June

What will School Look Like in August?

Although we do not have definite answers to this question, we believe that schools will be open full days and masks will still be required. However, physical distancing, limits on mixing cohorts and other requirements of the SSSPP will likely not be in place. More information will be shared in early August in response to Public Health guidance.

RUSD Trustee Update - April 20th Board Meeting:

- **New Superintendent:** The Board officially ratified the agreement for the new Superintendent, Ms. Kimberly McGrath. A heartfelt thanks and appreciation were given to the community for their stakeholder input and feedback. The Board can't wait for the community to get to know Ms. McGrath-she officially starts July 1st but will be starting to make appearances at events before this school year ends. The press release is [here](#).
- **Builder's Studio:** Dr. Mary Niesyn shared a heartwarming video of Reed School students participating in the revived Builders Studio. Special thanks to Paul Devoto and Erica Leinbach for creating the video. Watch the video [here](#).
- **Youth Truth:** Data from this winter's survey showed strength and growth in relationships and peer collaboration but highlighted the inequities some

of our student subgroups may feel from an inclusion and safety perspective. Work will now begin to dig further into the data, adding qualitative insights to this quantitative research and incorporating some growth areas into our LCAP. Link to the presentation is [here](#).

- **Winter Benchmark Assessment:** Data showed learning seems to be on par with previous years, with benchmarks performing above the norm, except for some anomalies which are being reviewed. National data shows that mathematics learning loss is substantially larger than English Language Arts (ELA). Next steps include digging into the anomalies and conducting Spring assessments to round out the year. The presentation is [here](#).
- **Next Board Meeting In-Person** – The Board moved to conduct the next regularly scheduled board meeting in-person on Tuesday, May 18th with [Public health guidelines](#) on gatherings used for safety protocols. Details are still being developed and will be made available ahead of the meeting.

Bus Passes go on Sale:

Please read this important message from the Yellow Bus Challenge.

Dear RUSD Families:

We are excited to announce that in anticipation of a regular school schedule for the 2021-2022 school year, we will be selling **annual** bus passes for next school year beginning **Monday, May 17**. The yellow bus program will operate in accordance with the Marin County's Home-to-School Transportation Guidelines. Current guidelines require:

- **Reduced operating capacity.** Buses must operate at only 2/3 capacity. As a result, a limited number of passes will be offered to families this year on a first-come, first-serve basis.
- **Rider safety.** Students must be symptom-free and wear a mask to ride.
- **Safety protocols.** Protocols designed to avoid transmission (cleaning, fresh air circulation/open windows) will be in place to ensure the safest ride possible.

A few important notes for consideration:

- Passes will be sold on a first-come, first-serve basis. We hope to accommodate as many riders as possible. Families who cannot secure a pass will be placed on a waitlist.
- Only annual passes will be available. There will be no single use/playdate passes offered for the time being.
- A pricing freeze remains in effect. Passes will cost \$315 each way/\$630 round trip.
- We anticipate that routes and timing will remain the same as they have in the most recent year of service.
- Passes must be purchased by July 15, 2021, in order to ensure delivery by the beginning of the school year.

Passes will go on sale at 9 am on Monday, May 17, at www.buschallenge.org. ***We encourage you to buy your passes as soon as possible.***

If you have any questions, please email info@buschallenge.org. We look

forward to serving the community again beginning this Fall!

-Yellow Bus Challenge Team

Bel Aire Principal Input Meeting:

Please remember to join me tomorrow at 10:00 AM at this [link](#) to share your input about desired qualities, characteristics and experience you would like to see in the new Bel Aire principal. If you are not able to attend, please send your thoughts to kwoodard@reedschools.org with the subject line PRINCIPAL QUALITIES.

Marin Stays in the Orange:

Marin county will not move to the Yellow Tier until at least May 4th due to a small increase in positive COVID-19 cases following the period of spring recess. See more information [here](#).

Have questions or comments?

Click on the **Parent Feedback Form**. A few of our District Communications Committee members will regularly check this link for new questions and comments and will be able to help respond to questions promptly.

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The Foundation has some fun announcements and contests about our upcoming Auction coming out on Social Media - follow us!

If you haven't donated, please join the 400 families who have donated \$1.4M and help us get to our \$2M commitment to RUSD! We need everyone to make

our goal this year. Donations of ANY amount are very appreciated.

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