



A Message From Superintendent Dr. Nancy Lynch

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation and gratitude to our families for the tremendous support and commitment we receive each day. You are true educational partners who make RUSD a wonderful place to learn and grow.

As you know, our teachers have been continuing to learn additional strategies to more deeply implement the new California math standards. These practices will support your students in reaching higher levels of mastery and critical thinking/reasoning skills to apply to not only math, but other content areas as well. When you return from winter break, we will share information about an exciting math challenge in which your child may participate at the end of January.

I wish you a joyful winter break filled with fun, relaxation and creating new memories.

Nancy Lynch, Ed.D.

Message from the Yellow Bus Committee:

The Yellow Bus Committee would like to thank all RUSD families who participated in the Yellow Bus Challenge. Forty-four percent of district students purchased round-trip bus passes, exceeding our best expectations. Our goal was to relieve school-related traffic congestion on Tiburon Boulevard and the results have been impressive. In the three months to November, travel times out of town fell by two-fifths during the morning rush and one-third during the afternoon peak compared with the same period last year.

Of course, this is our pilot year and scaling up from six to thirteen routes has not been without its challenges. We know that fewer students ride the school bus now than at the start of the school year. An ironic twist of reduced traffic is that more cars venture back onto the road. Buses also run late on a few routes, although recent route modifications have cut delays substantially. Further planned tweaks should allow on-time service across the school district after winter break.

We are working hard to enhance the program for next school year. Subject to the appropriate approvals, our hope is that management will transfer from the school district to a separate transportation agency with a dedicated staff member, new technologies will allow parents to track buses in real time, and the selected bus provider will provide much-improved service, compelled by stringent performance penalties. We've also learned a lot about route optimization.

As we consider the structure for next year's program, we want to know what parents think. We will circulate a short survey in January to all RUSD families.

We wish you all a very Happy Holidays. We look forward to seeing you on the school bus after winter break.

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**From the Foundation for Reed Schools:**

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**Best wishes for a happy and safe holiday season!**

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From RUSD PTA:

Enjoy a happy and safe Holiday! We look forward to seeing everyone in 2016.

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