



March 17, 2020

Good afternoon RJUHSD families,

As we enter new territory with school closures, I want to compliment our families, principals, teachers, support staff, Board of Trustees, and students as we have prepared for distance-learning these next three weeks. The overall tone and feedback from parents and staff has been positive, understanding, collaborative, and solution oriented.

It is our intent to support the request to limit exposure to others, therefore, we are making arrangements to close the District Office to the public beginning today, Tuesday, March 17. Upon closing, we will have on the front door information to reach District staff as well as on the website with links and email addresses. Similar to our site-level staff and leaders, District staff will be accessible via email. There may be times the District Office has activity such as critical pre-arranged appointments and deliveries.

Distance Learning begins tomorrow, students should check their student email for instructions from their teachers.

We remain committed to providing updates in this rapidly evolving matter. *In the meantime, we will use this opportunity to answer some of the common questions that have surfaced from staff and families in recent days:*

How long are schools closed?

All schools are closed through Spring Break and scheduled to reopen April 14, unless the District receives new direction from Placer County Public Health.

Any precautions families and staff should take while schools are closed?

While students and staff are out of school, Federal, State and County Public Health officials stress the importance that everyone maintain appropriate social distancing measures (avoiding gatherings, staying home as much as possible, etc.). This is crucial to help slow the spread of the virus among both the school-aged and general population.

Will employees be paid during the closure?

- Yes, base salary and benefits will continue for all employees (certificated and classified).
- Short- and long-term substitutes (certificated and classified) will be notified they are released. This notification makes them eligible for unemployment benefits.

Will students have to make up this time in the summer?

Given the gravity and scale of this emergency throughout California, we expect and await direction from the state for specific instructions, including processes to apply for a waiver which would not require make-up days.

What do we do for students who don't have internet access at home?

Students and families who do not have reliable internet access at home should call the district hotline at (916) 462-9511.

When can I pick up my student's materials/medications/etc. that were left behind before my school's closure?

We are sorry for this disruption and inconvenience for our students and families, and appreciate everyone's patience and flexibility at this time. We will make sure to communicate specific details and instructions to our families once they are available; until then, it is crucial that we limit activity on our school sites per Public Health guidelines.

Will meals be served to students who rely on school nutrition?

Yes.

- Meals will be available outside the front office of each comprehensive school site Monday - Friday 11am - 1pm (no service over Spring Break, 04/06/20 - 04/13/20)
- To avoid large congregations of people, we will offer drive-thru and walk-up service

Will distance learning options be available to students?

Distance Learning begins Wednesday, March 18th students should check their student email for instructions from their teachers.

How will Special Education students be served?

The Governor's March 13 Executive Order directs the state to issue guidelines by Tuesday, March 17 that ensures students with disabilities receive a free and appropriate education program as required by state and federal law. The Director of Special Education will send a separate communication to families.

What about state testing?

Given the gravity and scale of this emergency throughout California, we expect and await direction from the state.

I'm not receiving emergency alerts (text, email, phone, etc) from the District.

What can I do?

Updates to your personal contact information are made online via Homelink. We will be posting updates on our website: www.rjuhsd.us/coronavirus.

What is the status of the Personal Finance Course for class of 2020 and class of 2021?

Class of 2020: The Personal Finance course for the class of 2020 can now be completed entirely online - even the final assessment. Information will be shared with seniors that will enable them to access the course final after completion of all the units.

Class of 2021: The Personal Finance course for the class of 2021 will be closed down for maintenance and repair until May.

Why did students receive a Zoom invitation?

In order to streamline communication the district has adopted the Zoom online meeting platform. On March 17th, all students received a Zoom invitation to their student email. Students should click on Google and use Google login credentials. Be on the lookout for additional information.