



Redlands Unified School District

May 27, 2020

Dear Redlands Unified School District Staff and Families,

The 2019-20 school year is soon coming to a close. No one could have imagined how differently this school year would end. It took a complete community effort to transform the District into a Distance Learning platform. I am grateful to everyone who continues to show remarkable flexibility and commitment assisting the District in implementing a Distance Learning platform. I applaud the staff who are developing and planning virtual lessons, preparing and distributing meals, disinfecting our facilities, patrolling our schools day and night, and those who prepared and distributed devices. I also applaud our families who continue to work very hard to balance work and home responsibilities and at the same time, assist us in implementing our Distance Learning platform. This is a great community effort.

Distance Learning instruction will end on Friday, May 29. Teachers will finalize all student grades and complete report cards the week of June 1. Each school has sent or will be sending information directly to parents outlining end-of-the-year procedures for the collection and/or return of school materials.

Summer School is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, June 9. The Summer School program is for High School level students only and will be conducted in an online environment. This year's program will include credit recovery, grade enhancement and some limited credit advancement opportunities. Resources on the RUSD Toolkit website will remain available throughout the summer break for all students. Families are encouraged to take advantage of these learning opportunities in order to prepare for the 2020-21 School Year.

The 2020-21 School Year is scheduled to begin on Wednesday, August 12. All school districts in the State of California are waiting for guidance by the Governor of California, the State Public Health Department and the State Superintendent of Public Instruction. This past week, State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond indicated that guidance to schools from his department as well as from the State Public Health Department would be provided in the coming weeks.

Depending on the guidance to be provided by the entities mentioned above, the District is contemplating all possible options related to the school calendar and the delivery of instruction. The difficult task is planning for a variety of educational opportunities that balance the importance of maintaining a rigorous instructional program while emphasizing safety for staff and students. A variety of models being considered include: Distance Learning, Hybrid Learning (combination of Distance Learning & Classroom) and Traditional Classroom-Based Setting.

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Hearing from our community has been an ongoing priority. Through the use of the Thoughtexchange platform, your voice has helped to provide the District direction. It is important for us to hear your feedback regarding the upcoming school year. In the coming days, we will activate an opportunity for our families, staff and students to participate in Thoughtexchange in order to hear your considerations regarding the opening of school. Your feedback will be important once we receive the direction from the Governor, the State Superintendent of Public Instruction and the State Department of Public Health. We will continue to provide information as it develops.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mauricio V. Arellano". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Mauricio V. Arellano
Superintendent of Schools