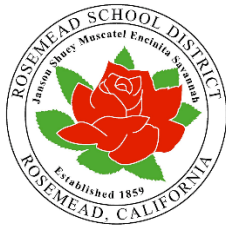


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ALEJANDRO RUVALCABA, Superintendent

July 15, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

At a Special Board meeting held on July 14, 2020, our Board formally approved my recommendation that we begin the school year via Distance Learning only. As such, all Rosemead schools will start the school year via full Distance Learning. We know that news is disappointing for our community, but we must understand that the safety of our students and staff have to be our highest priority. We cannot ignore the current environment of anxiety and fear as we experience a significant rise of positive COVID-19 cases in all of Southern California. We must also attend to the fact that our state as a whole has rolled back reopening plans to include closing previously open non-essential businesses and offices in order to help stop the spread of COVID-19.

We are fortunate that our Reopening of Schools Task Force kept this possibility in mind as we developed an adaptable reopening of schools plan. The plan we presented to our district community included the possibility that we would have to return to school dismissal. Our district teams have already begun the development of a high quality Distance Learning program. We will also continue to work on our return to in class instruction in order to be prepared for a hybrid or full traditional program.

When we transitioned to school closure at the end of our last school year, our fantastic team of educators came together to ensure we offered our students the best academic program and support system possible. I have no doubt we will do this again, and do it better. I am also confident that we will be ready when we are able to welcome back students to in class instruction when it is deemed safe.

More information on our Distance Learning program for the new school year including student and parent orientation, student and parent expectations, technology support, and other topics, will be made available in the coming weeks. We will also continue to keep you updated as we receive more information and guidance from our county health and education officials.

Thank you for your continued support of our students and school district.

Respectfully,

Alejandro Ruvalcaba

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