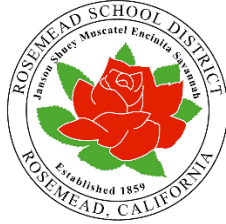


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## School Closure Update May 18, 2020

Dear Rosemead Parents and Guardians,

We would, again, like to take the opportunity to thank you for the patience and support that has been extended to our Rosemead School District family. This has been a challenging time for all of us. I am so proud to be part of this amazing community of learners. As promised, below are a few updates regarding our instructional program and support to students and families.

**Online Programs, Chromebooks and Wifi (Hotspots):** We would like students to continue learning throughout the summer, so students will be able to keep their Chromebooks and Wifi (Hotspot) devices until students return to school. Our online learning programs such as iReady, Imagine Learning, Accelerated Reader, and others, will be accessible until the end of July. Please encourage your children to continue reading and learning at home throughout the summer. We will be in contact with 8th graders promoting to high school soon regarding the return of devices and materials.

*For requests, questions, or issues with student Chromebooks or devices, please email: [rsdsupport@rosemead.k12.ca.us](mailto:rsdsupport@rosemead.k12.ca.us).*

**School Office Hours During School Closure:** School office staff, teachers, and administrators are available via email throughout the school closure. You may also call the school directly, or our district office, for assistance.

**Meal Service:** We are continuing to offer “Grab and Go” breakfast and lunch at Encinita, Savannah, and Muscatel, Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and supper at Muscatel from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

*Our supper program will end on Friday, May 29, 2020.*

**Promotion Programs:** As we approach the end of the school year, we continue to receive questions about end of year activities, such as promotion. We understand the desire from our community and staff to hold events that recognize and celebrate our students’ hard work and accomplishments. Unfortunately, our County Health Department has put forth guidelines that prohibit large gatherings, including large gatherings of groups in vehicles. Below is a joint statement from the County Health Department and the Los Angeles County Office of Education:

***Joint Statement of Los Angeles County Director of Public Health Dr. Barbara Ferrer  
and Los Angeles County Superintendent of Schools Dr. Debra Duardo on  
In-Person Graduation Ceremonies***

*The health and safety of our County’s students, staff and families are top priorities for all of us.*

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*The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Officer's Safer at Home Order prohibits all public and private gatherings. The Order does not allow any exemptions for graduation gatherings of any type in order to limit the spread of COVID-19. This means all in-person graduation ceremonies, including use of cars for drive-in graduations (even if one student at a time), are considered public gatherings and are therefore prohibited. Virtual ceremonies are permitted and encouraged as a means of commemorating this important life event for young people and their families.*

*We fully appreciate how disappointing it is for all our graduates to be denied the recognition they deserve for their academic achievement. It is unfortunate that such an important rite of passage has to take place virtually during this pandemic, and we deeply regret the heartache this may cause our students and their families.*

*The Los Angeles County Office of Education does not have the authority to direct how a district or school will handle its graduation ceremonies. These are local decisions that will need to be made in compliance with the Safer at Home order.*

*We are confident the education community will find creative ways to virtually celebrate the Class of 2020 while protecting everyone's health and safety.*

This means that traditional in person assemblies and some suggested activities such as “drive up” or “drive through” promotions will not be permissible. As such, all of our schools are developing plans for virtual celebrations for Pre-K, K, 6th, and 8th grade. These plans will be communicated with you once they are finalized.

**Summer Program:** Due to the extension of the “Safer at Home” mandate, we will not be able to offer a traditional summer school program. We feel that it is critical that we continue to support student learning through the summer. As such, we are happy to announce that we will host an Extended School Year, English Language Development, and Middle School Distance Learning program to support student learning during the summer. The program will be virtual and consist of daily online learning, small group instruction, independent student work, and remote teacher support. Invitations to our summer programs will come directly from our school principals. We encourage all invited students to attend.

*Our summer program dates will be from Monday, June 15, 2020 to Monday, July 13, 2020.*

**Re-Opening of Schools for 2020-2021:** You may have heard news about an earlier start to the new school, possibly as early as July. This scenario is not likely for our school district due to the Los Angeles County “Safer at Home” mandates that we expect to be in place through July. For this reason, our district has developed our *tentative* 2020 - 2021 school calendar with the first day of school for students scheduled for Wednesday, August 19, 2020. You may access the *tentative* 2020 - 2021 School Calendar via the link below:

<https://bit.ly/36gIIfd>

The next question that you may have is, “What will school look like for students?” Our District has begun planning for various scenarios, depending on what phase of the California and Los Angeles County plan for reopening we are in. If, for example, we are in Phase 1 or Phase 2, students will continue to learn via Distance Learning. We are hopeful that by the Fall, we will be in Phase 3 or Phase 4, which should allow us to welcome

back students to our campuses. Phase 3 and Phase 4 scenarios might include modified formats for teaching and learning and modified instructional schedules. The Los Angeles County Health Department Roadmap to Recovery can be accessed by clicking on the following link, <https://bit.ly/2Wp1rfP>.

There are many considerations that need to be addressed such as student and staff safety, school and classroom capacities, child care, cleaning procedures, child nutrition, and transportation. All of these considerations are interconnected and complex. Lastly, all of these considerations will depend on the guidance and direction we receive from our federal, state, and county health and education officials. As more information becomes available, we will be able to develop and communicate with you what school will look like for our Rosemead students.

I know that all of your questions may not have been addressed and that there is anxiety in uncertainty. We promise to continue to provide updates and information in the coming weeks. The well being of everyone in the Rosemead School District family is our priority during these uncertain times. We thank you for your continued support and assistance to ensure our children continue to engage with academics. To help protect our community, we hope everyone in our district community will continue to follow the Safer at Home mandate.

Respectfully,

*Alex Rivalcaba*

Superintendent of Schools