

COVID-19 March 26, 2020 Update: Closure of Rocklin Unified School Extended through May 1, 2020

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Dear RUSD Students, Families and Staff,

I hope you are all doing well in these unprecedented times in our nation, state, and local community. Today I am sharing important information that Rocklin Unified will extend our school closures through Friday, May 1, 2020 with return to school on Monday, May 4, 2020 to continue to limit the community spread of COVID-19. We, and all school districts in Placer County, are following guidance from our Placer County Office of Public Health and coordinating with the Placer County Office of Education.

We understand how challenging these decisions are for our students and families and we appreciate your support, flexibility, and patience. We are very grateful for all that our students, staff and families are doing to support safety, continuity of education and caring for our children.

The following information is intended to provide you with more details and support during our extended school closure.

School Closure Timeline

Rocklin Unified School District will close all schools at least through May 1, 2020 in response to the COVID-19 emergency. We will continue to provide updates as this situation evolves. We are hopeful to see you all again on Monday, May 4, 2020, but also realize there is a real possibility we may have to keep our schools closed and continue Distance Learning until the end of the school year. We will continue to monitor the situation closely in collaboration with public health officials and provide updates as soon as we receive pertinent information.

Milestone events

As school closures possibly continues to the end of the school year, it also impacts important life moments like graduations, promotions and other important celebrations and events. We are diligently working to protect these events, to any extent possible,

and considering all options if the current shutdown lasts beyond the end of the traditional school year.

Continuity of Learning

RUSD's teachers and principals have been working tirelessly to adapt to this new world of remote learning as we seek to provide a continuity of learning to our students during this extended school closure. I am very proud of how quickly this has occurred and it is a true testament to the professionalism and dedication of our teacher, principals, and others. Students, teachers, and families are all in a "learning by doing" phase of remote learning. All of us in RUSD are committed to use this initial learning phase to improve and enhance our remote learning in the coming weeks. We will update you about expectations for student work as we work with our labor partners and make changes to improve our remote learning over this extended time. For more information about our Distance Learning resources, [please click here](#). This information is also on our District website at www.rocklinusd.org.

Nutrition Services Meal Distribution

Rocklin Unified Union School District will continue to provide meals through the closure including Spring Break for any of our students at the following dates/location which includes lunch and breakfast for the following day. At this point, we're proud that we have been able to provide more than 10,000 breakfasts and lunches to keep our students fed during these difficult times.

<i>Dates</i>	Monday-Friday
<i>Times</i>	11:00-1:00
<i>Locations</i>	Rocklin High School (5301 Victory Lane) Whitney High School (701 Wildcat Boulevard) Spring View Middle School (5040 5th Street) Antelope Creek Elementary School (6185 Springview Drive) Rocklin Elementary School (5025 Meyers Street) Sierra Elementary School (6811 Camborne Way)

Technology/Students in Need of Devices

During this time we want to make sure there are no barriers in the way of your child continuing to learn. If you are still in need of a Chromebook or access to technology please reach out to your principal. They will make arrangements for you to pick up a Chromebook or exchange one if you're having issues.

Prevention

Please continue to take all possible precautions to help reduce the risk of spreading germs to others. The Governor's stay at home order continues to be in effect to slow the spread of the virus. Please take all reasonable means to stay home, and only venture out to public spaces when it is absolutely necessary – and when you must, maintain social distancing. We are all part of the solution. Please take care of each other by staying home!

For more information about COVID-19, visit the Placer County Department of Public Health's website at www.placer.ca.gov/6367/Novel-Coronavirus-COVID-19.

As parents and caregivers, you influence your child's reaction to information about COVID-19 and school closure. Ongoing developments regarding COVID-19 may be overwhelming, especially to younger children. Parents and caregivers can help children understand the situation better by discussing children's questions and concerns. You can find more on how to talk to your child here:
<https://childmind.org/article/talking-to-kids-about-the-coronavirus/#.XneWcmzwT4w.mail>
to

Our world has changed in ways I didn't believe possible just a few weeks ago. Throughout these challenging times, I have been so appreciative of the work and conversations from all of you-- students, families, staff members and beyond. COVID-19 has disrupted our day-to-day lives but the way we have rallied together in a short period of time is remarkable and shows the best of our RUSD Family.

I am optimistic about RUSD's future and our ability to help our students access learning. I feel this way because of who we are and what we believe. We will continue to come together to do whatever it takes in this rapidly changing world to inspire and empower all students. We continue to prove that nothing will stop us from tackling this goal through our continued collaboration, patience, and flexibility.

Sincerely,

Roger Stock
Superintendent