

A Note of Thanks to Students and Families from your RUSD Board of Trustees

Good afternoon, RUSD students and families.

First and foremost, the RUSD Board of Trustees wishes to thank our entire RUSD family for your continued patience and support during these uncertain and challenging times. We all can be proud that our entire Rocklin Unified community is working together for our students and for the greater health of the entire area.

From our staff members who have worked tirelessly to navigate our options through these uncharted waters, to those who have worked to help students in need, and to every individual who has taken precautions to help avoid the spread of the coronavirus -- we acknowledge your efforts and thank you. While these times may be uncertain, we are here to work with you, and we will continue to strive to assist families and the community in every way possible. Like you, we cannot be certain what the next few weeks hold for us at Rocklin Unified or in Placer County as a whole. We are, however, doing our absolute best to stay knowledgeable, be prepared, and take all appropriate actions on behalf of the community.

The last weeks have demonstrated that our schools are so much more than buildings of learning. They also are places where connections, friendships, and lifetime memories happen. Knowing that, we understand how unsettling the school closures and event cancelations are for our students and their families. All of us as members of the Board are parents or grandparents of RUSD students. We face the same emotional challenges and concerns as we wonder about important occasions and gatherings like proms, sports events, and graduations. Regrettably, we don't have all the answers right now, but these uncertainties and concerns are important and real, and we will address them. The amazing people who make up RUSD are prioritizing our students' learning, along with their social and emotional needs, as we make our way through these unprecedented times together.

The RUSD Board just approved a special resolution granting the Superintendent emergency powers to respond effectively to the COVID-19 public health emergency. The goal of this action is to ensure nothing gets in our way regarding the protection, welfare, safety, and educational well-being of all students and employees.

We will continue to work closely with Placer County Public Health and other appropriate health organizations to re-evaluate and determine how to proceed once we reach our original school closure end-date. As always, all communications will be sent directly to families and staff, as well as posted on our website at www.rocklinusd.org/Departments/Health-Services/Novel-Coronavirus, and shared on

our social media channels: Facebook (www.facebook.com/RocklinUnifiedSchoolDistrict) and Twitter (www.twitter.com/RocklinUSD)

Again, thank you for your flexibility and caring during these uncertain times. We know these next weeks will be challenging for everyone, but please know you have RUSD's commitment to continue to serve and support your children and all our families in every way we can.

In partnership,
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