



# RUSD REPORT

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In our virtual newsletter-- the Rocklin Report-- RUSD students, staff and families will be kept in-the-know about all of the outstanding things happening throughout Rocklin Unified! Please be sure to visit the links that are embedded within the newsletter to see more of the hard work and successes that our RUSD family has been up to.

## SUPERINTENDENT'S NOTE

Dear Families and Staff of Rocklin Unified,

As the COVID-19 outbreak continues to evolve, our school district remains diligent in our efforts to provide families with essential services, support student wellness and ensure continuity of our students' education. We have a few updates for you:

- **START OF THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR:** The 2020-2021 school year start date for the Rocklin Unified School District is Wednesday, August 12 as previously scheduled.
  - Each day, we continue the process of creating a plan for how schools will address the needs of students next school year. The District has been actively working with our labor partners and others to begin thinking and collaborating on different scenarios under which the 2020-2021 school year may begin.
  - Our goal is to fully reopen our schools with all students on campus in August. We are continuing to plan for this and will continue to monitor public health guidance/regulations related to school reopening.
  - If the district is not able to fully reopen with all of our students on campus at one time due to public health guidance/regulations then the District is working with our labor partners to plan for a hybrid scenario that would provide high-quality ongoing education with less students on campus each day. For example, an alternating day schedule with online and on-campus attendance.
  - A full RUSD online option will be provided for families that prefer to have that option and still stay part of RUSD. This new model will include grading. Additional details will be provided soon.
- **As we continue to prepare for the upcoming school year, we want to hear your feedback regarding your family's online learning experience! Your opinion on Rocklin Unified's transition from traditional in-person education is very important to us during this planning process. We are still accepting submissions to our Online Learning Survey, now through 5 p.m. on Thursday, May 28 at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RUSDonline520>.**

An ongoing challenge is that circumstances and guidance are in a continual state of change which makes planning difficult. We will continue to update you on our plans for the 2020-2021 school year. The Board of Trustees is planning to make a decision on how schools reopen at a special Board meeting this July. They will be reviewing the latest public health guidance/regulations, the local context of other schools, and updated options.

- **Ask RUSD - STUDENT WELLNESS:** I am excited to announce the second event of our Ask RUSD series, this time focused on Student social and emotional wellness that may be affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. We have invited a group of expert panelists to join us **tonight**, Wednesday, May

27 from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. to discuss this subject and answer any questions you may have about your student's wellness during this time.

# Ask RUSD

*Our second Ask RUSD event will feature district experts, as well as our partners, who will discuss student wellness and answer your questions about the affect the COVID-19 crisis may have on your child.*

**Wednesday, May 27, 2020  
5:30 - 6:30 p.m.**

YOU CAN SUBMIT QUESTIONS **NOW**, VIEW A LIST OF QUESTIONS THAT HAVE ALREADY BEEN SUBMITTED AND STREAM THE EVENT **LIVE** ON THE DATE ABOVE AT:

[WWW.ROCKLINUSD.ORG/DEPARTMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS/ASK-RUSD](http://WWW.ROCKLINUSD.ORG/DEPARTMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS/ASK-RUSD)

## MEET THE EXPERTS!



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Rocklin Unified School  
District



**KRISTA MEYERS**  
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IN PSYCHOLOGY**  
Counselor  
Rocklin High School

### MODERATOR:



**DIANA CAPRA**  
Chief of Communication and  
Community Engagement for the  
Rocklin Unified School District

*Please note that in the case of a medical or psychiatric emergency, the best way to receive supports immediately is to contact local emergency services or National Suicide Prevention Crisis Line - (800) 273-TALK (8255). If you or someone you know is at immediate and serious risk of harming themselves or someone else, call 911.*

- To watch the event LIVE on Wednesday, May 27, follow this link: <https://youtu.be/p9SFMMDuPJA>.
- [To submit a question to the panel regarding this topic, click here.](#)
- [To view a list of the questions as they are submitted \(updated in real-time\), click here.](#)
- To see all of this Ask RUSD information and more, visit our website at [www.rocklinusd.org/Departments/Communications/Ask-RUSD](http://www.rocklinusd.org/Departments/Communications/Ask-RUSD).

We are continually working to ensure our students continue to receive high-quality instruction and other essential services. Our teachers and staff have gone above and beyond their calls to action to assist in student success during this adjustment period and again, we are so grateful for their ongoing efforts.

We will continue to communicate information to our community as changes are made. On that note, I would also like to share how extremely proud and grateful I am of our incredible community and want to thank each of you for your patience, understanding and cooperation during this time.



Thank you,  
Roger Stock  
Superintendent

### Graduation Dates Confirmed!

## SALUTE TO SENIORS



We know that out of all of our terrific RUSD students and families, the senior class of 2020 is perhaps facing the most tremendous disappointments, as they have not been able to experience all of the traditional activities and events that make their final year so special and memorable. We have all been so impressed by their resilience and grace during this time.

Because of this, we are proud to say that during the May 6, 2020 Board of Trustees Meeting, Superintendent Roger Stock announced that Rocklin Unified will move forward with planning socially distanced, in-person graduation ceremonies in order to properly celebrate and recognize the class of 2020 for their accomplishments.

RUSD class of 2020 graduations will take place on the following dates:

- **Victory High School and RICA-- Wednesday, July 29, 2020.**
- **Whitney High School-- Thursday, July 30, 2020.**
- **Rocklin High School-- Friday, July 31, 2020.**
- **RUSD Adult Transition Program-- To Be Announced.**

Please note that additional information, including start times, will be provided by the schools as it becomes available.

Although these graduations are scheduled to take place in July, our wonderful Rocklin community is rightfully taking advantage of every moment they can to celebrate our seniors! As shown in the photos above, Families with high school seniors in RUSD have decorated their doors to recognize their students' accomplishments and in some cases, to celebrate their future goals. Because of this, members of the entire Rocklin community are able to join the recognition of the class of 2020 and congratulate their friends and neighbors from afar. Way to go, senior families and Rocklin communities, for putting together these excellent displays that showcase our tremendous pride for RUSD graduates. Be sure to check out some of the doors in your neighborhood, [or on our Facebook page by clicking here.](#)

**Students, Staff and Families in our Unified Sports and PBIS Videos**

**Recognized as Tops!**

# AWARD-WINNING VIDEOS



**Unified Sports Video Receives Top Honors!** Recently, we were notified that our Unified Sports video was selected for an award with the California School Public Relations Association (CalSPRA)-- more specifically, an Award of Excellence, the highest honor within the awards program!

Congratulations to all the coaches, teammates and parents who always go above and beyond for the Unified Sports athletes within the district and to the Unified Athletes for always working hard and showing us that inclusion and partnership is always the way. Also, we'd like to give a special thanks to Studio Movie Grill for funding this terrific video production for our district. We appreciate Studio Movie Grill for their continued support for RUSD Special Education programs and Unified Sports athletes year-round! (One more shout out goes to our Communication and Community Engagement Department for producing it!)

Check out the award-winning video here: <https://vimeo.com/325887676/0afb1324dd>

**PBIS Video Nationally Recognized!** Another exciting video project that the Communication team coordinated was our PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports) success story. This video was showcased nationally to other school districts and was submitted to the annual PBIS Film Festival this year. Over 90 videos from school districts across the country were submitted and we are #RUSD Proud that our video was the only presentation from California to make the finals in the category "Best School Engagement Film of the Year!"

We are proud to recognize the outstanding efforts of all of our staff members and teachers who help to promote the benefits of the PBIS system at our sites and beyond! Again, special thank you to Studio Movie Grill for funding this production and to our friends at the Placer County Office of Education, the California PBIS Coalition and the California Department of Education for their participation and support.

Check out the PBIS Success Story of Rocklin Elementary School here: <https://vimeo.com/348116201/37926fdb55>

**RUSD Media Stars!**

## IN THE NEWS





Did you know each year as part of a Mother's Day tradition, Kindergarteners at Ruhkala Elementary-- our Leadership Academy school-- provide makeovers for Moms? It's just one of the many terrific things happening throughout our District that now all of Northern California knows about thanks to our friends in the media who are covering our positive stories! We are so proud to highlight the members of our RUSD community-- especially now that they have all shown such resilience during our adjustment to virtual education.

This month, the local media showcases many of our students, families and staff as they face the COVID-19 situation. Also, some of our rockstar teaching staff from throughout the district are recognized for their best practices in online learning. View their stories by visiting our "In the News" page on our website or [by clicking here.](#)

Remember-- if you want our Communication and Community Engagement Department to let local media, the Rocklin community and our RUSD family know about the exciting happenings throughout our district, see information at the end of this report so we can learn more and spread the word!

### **RUSD Social Media Stars!**



The Rocklin Unified School District is on Facebook and Twitter-- and is ALWAYS looking for a great story to share with our followers about why RUSD is home to excellence in education! We have been highlighting the efforts of teachers (#RUSDFeaturedTeacher) as well as staff, students and families (#RUSDKeepsConnected) on our social media platforms and want to showcase YOUR great stories. Be sure to:

- Email [RUSDCommunications@rocklinusd.org](mailto:RUSDCommunications@rocklinusd.org) with photos and blurbs of your outstanding distance-learning accounts for the chance to be featured on our pages!
- Check out some of the great stuff here:
  - Follow us on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/RocklinUnifiedSchoolDistrict](https://www.facebook.com/RocklinUnifiedSchoolDistrict).
  - Follow us on Twitter: [www.twitter.com/RocklinUSD](https://www.twitter.com/RocklinUSD).

**Save the Dates!**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **IN CASE YOU MISSED IT - May 20, 2020: Virtual Board of Trustees Meeting**
  - The recording of this virtual meeting is now available to view on our website. You can view this meeting and other previous recordings at [www.rocklinusd.org/School-Board/Live-Stream-of-Board-Meetings/Live-Stream-Video-Archives](https://www.rocklinusd.org/School-Board/Live-Stream-of-Board-Meetings/Live-Stream-Video-Archives).
- **Wednesday, May 27, 2020: Ask RUSD: Student Wellness (5:30 - 6:30 p.m.)**
  - You can watch the event live at the following link: <https://youtu.be/p9SFMMDuPjA>.
  - To submit a question to our panelists, view a list of questions that have already been submitted or to see any additional information about our Ask RUSD events, visit our website at [www.rocklinusd.org/Departments/Communications/Ask-RUSD](https://www.rocklinusd.org/Departments/Communications/Ask-RUSD).
- **Friday, May 29, 2020: Last Day of Instruction for Students**
- **Thursday, June 4, 2020: Last Day for Teaching Staff**

- **Wednesday, June 10, 2020: Board of Trustees Meeting** (6:30 p.m.)
  - Information about this meeting including a link to watch live and more will be available on our website at [www.rocklinusd.org/School-Board/Live-Stream-of-Board-Meetings](http://www.rocklinusd.org/School-Board/Live-Stream-of-Board-Meetings) and on our social media channels as we approach this date.
- **Wednesday, July 29: Victory High School and RICA Graduation** (Time TBA by school sites)
- **Thursday, July 30: Whitney High School Graduation** (Time TBA by school site)
- **Friday, July 31: Rocklin High School Graduation** (Time TBA by school site)
- **Wednesday, August 12, 2020: First Day of 2020-2021 School Year**

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Can't wait for the next RUSD Report?

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**Follow us on Twitter:** @RocklinUSD and #rusdPROUD ([www.twitter.com/RocklinUSD](http://www.twitter.com/RocklinUSD))

If you'd like to share a story with our Communication/Community Engagement Department, [click here](#) to be taken to our news submission form. We'd love to highlight your story in our next newsletter, our social media channels and/or on our website! Once you submit your story, our Communication Department will reach out with any further questions!

**RUSD Board of Trustees:** Rick Miller, Eric Stevens, Camille Maben, Dereck Counter, Rachelle Price