



December 23, 2020 Important Update from RUSD's Board of Trustees

RUSD Community,

Since our recent Board Meeting on December 14, we have received a considerable amount of feedback, both positive and negative. In preparation for that meeting, all board members conducted extensive outreach to parents, teachers, staff, and administration and spent hours of deliberation during the meeting, including listening to public comments, leading to a decision to begin AM/PM instruction five days a week for all schools starting on January 19, 2021. In addition, the board decided to resume full time, five days a week instruction at all schools after Spring Break on April 6, 2021 or earlier if Placer County moves to the orange tier, as per the California Blueprint for a Safer Economy.

To see the rationale behind the Board's decisions, here is a link to the Board meeting where you can view the deliberations by the Board

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WjdD15bvdqs&feature=youtu.be>.

Since the vote, there have been requests via a petition, emails, and social media posts by students and families for the Board to call a special meeting to revisit the decision. The Board is proud of the civic engagement of our students and appreciates the community input, but given the extensive outreach and deliberation leading to the vote, a special meeting would not likely change the outcome. We also think it's important for us to look forward and use the next few weeks to fully focus on the district leadership assisting our educators in planning for this next step to a full return to the classroom. We recognize that change can be difficult, please understand that we all want our kids back on a traditional school schedule. Our RUSD teams will be balancing multiple factors as schedules/plans are developed.

Thank you in advance for your understanding and patience as we move forward together.

Sincerely,

Dereck Counter, President

Rachelle Price, Vice President

Julie Hupp, Clerk

Rick Miller, Member

Tiffany Saathoff, Member