



Weekly Communication

January 29, 2021

Dear Parents and Staff,

Earlier this month, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) issued updated [guidance](#) for schools which has minimal impact on our district.

Below are areas we've addressed to remain open and compliant in our current modified traditional schedule:

- We have measured every classroom and made adjustments so we can comply with the four-foot distance requirement between student chairs effective the week of February 1, 2021, at our elementary schools.
- For our middle school classrooms, an overwhelming majority will comply with the four-foot distance requirement the week of February 1, 2021. Classes that cannot comply may require a student schedule change which would occur at the start of the third trimester, February 22, 2021.
- New safety plans are required to be posted to the district [website](#) by February 1, 2021.
- Effective February 1, 2021, new face covering requirements ([p.16](#)) state, "Students in all grade levels are required to wear face coverings at all times, while at school, unless exempted...Persons exempted from wearing a face covering due to a medical condition, as confirmed by school district health team and therapists, must wear a non-restrictive alternative, such as a face shield with a drape on the bottom edge, as long as their condition permits it."
- Our school board will meet on February 4, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. Join the meeting live via the district's Facebook [page](#) or [Zoom](#). The board will discuss the updated CDPH guidelines and the governor's budget proposal.

Our thoughtful planning and actions to open in a modified traditional schedule while maintaining choice for families who are not able to return their children to school are evidence of our core beliefs:

- We base every decision on children's needs
- We are all learners
- We do this work together through positive relationships and collaboration

We are ecstatic to be able to continue to serve our children in the current schedule. Thank you to our RCSD Board of Education for their leadership and our partners, the California School Employees Association (CSEA) and the Roseville Teachers Association (RTA), for their advocacy, agency, and resolute actions.

Finally, my heartfelt gratitude to all who do the challenging but rewarding work of educating our children - thank you! Without your Herculean efforts, whether in-person or online, none of this is possible. Thank you!

Respectfully,
Derk Garcia
Superintendent

P.S. We're excited to announce our **transitional kindergarten** eligibility dates have been extended! Students born between September 2, 2016, and March 31, 2017, can apply [here](#).