

RESCUE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear RUSD Staff and Families,

The Legislature and the Governor took special action yesterday to support agencies grappling with the COVID-19 issue. This bill, SB 117, will provide our school district with approximately \$50,000 to use for extra cleaning supplies, personal protective equipment, and overtime for custodian to complete a thorough deep cleaning of all facilities before our students return. The bill also waives Education Code provisions regarding instructional day and minute requirements for districts that closed schools due to COVID-19 to remove real and perceived penalties that might arise if classroom time is not made up by the end of the school year.

In addition, it is important to announce to you that effective 2:00 p.m. today, in accordance with recommendations from the California Department of Public Health, we will be suspending non-essential operations from the Rescue Union School District Central Office so that our valued staff may adhere to the same social distancing guidelines we have enacted for school sites and that we have recommended to families. If you have an emergency, please contact Assistant Superintendent Dave Scroggins at dscroggins@rescueusd.org or at 530 672-4806. We apologize for any inconvenience, and we thank you for your patience and understanding as we make critical adjustments in light of the Coronavirus Pandemic.

Also, as we plan for a number of possible scenarios in the near future, we want to encourage our families to set up a daily schedule for school age children if you can. It will help our students to feel safer and more secure if they have a predictable schedule each day. I know we join you in the desire to make our children feel as comfortable and settled as possible during this stressful time. One idea we want to share looks something like this:

8:00 am	Wake Up
9:00-10:00	Take a walk outside
10:00-11:00	Time to focus on resources and activities
11:00-12:00	Read a book or be read to
12:00-1:00	Lunch
1:00-3:30	Time to focus on resources and activities
3:30-4:30	Play outside or go on a bike ride or hike
4:30-5:30	Chore time
5:30-6:30	Dinner
6:30-7:30	Play games, play with personal toys, etc.
7:30-8:30	Watch TV or play video games, read, etc.
8:30-9:30	Prepare for bed

Possible Daily Schedule to be revised depending upon age of children

Cheryl Olson, Superintendent

<u>Board of Trustees</u> Nancy Brownell • Suzanna George • Stephanie Kent • Tagg Neal • Kim White El Dorado County's district superintendents continue to work closely with El Dorado County Office of Education and the El Dorado County Public Health Department to determine next steps and if we should extend our closure. We will have a decision by Thursday. We want you to know that we want our students to be back in school just as soon as it is safely possible. During these unprecedented times, we are presented with a unique opportunity to come together as an entire community to exemplify the spirit of service, commitment, unity, and resilience. It absolutely warms my heart to know that our families and staff are banded together and working together to navigate this situation together. We also deeply appreciate that so many teachers, staff, and parents have volunteered to help however needed. Additionally, we give you our commitment that our leadership team will continue to work tirelessly in support of our collective efforts to care for and serve our students, families, teachers, and staff. Thank you for your continued patience and support.

Most sincerely,

Cheryl Olson, Superintendent