



RESCUE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear RUSD,

We remain in close contact with the El Dorado County Health Department and El Dorado County Office of Education and thankfully **there are no confirmed cases of COVID 19 in Rescue Union School District or El Dorado County.**

This afternoon, Dr. Nancy Williams, the County Public Health Officer from the El Dorado County Department of Public Health stated that schools should remain open, despite the fact that the County has been declared a public health emergency. **The Press Release is attached.**

We will continue following the additional guidelines put forth by the California Department of Health. These guidelines include the following:

- Minimizing non-essential gatherings such as field trips, assemblies, rallies, gala events, programs, dances, etc.
- We have canceled athletic competitions through April 3.
- Recesses and lunches have been staggered.
- Daily sanitization of classrooms and other highly used areas is occurring by custodial staff.
- Use of pre-packaged food offerings in the cafeteria.
- We are canceling the use of our facilities by outside groups/clubs/teams.
- We are encouraging the everyday preventive actions shared in earlier letters, such as hand-washing, using tissues, covering coughs, extra sanitizing on a daily basis by custodial staff, and remaining home until fever has been gone for at least 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medicines.
- We are encouraging social distancing outside.

The Department of Health considers gatherings in classrooms to be essential.

We thank you for your support and help through this time. We will continue to communicate consistently throughout the next months as we navigate this challenging situation. The safety and well-being of our teachers, staff, administrators, students and families is our top priority.

Most sincerely,

Cheryl Olson

Cheryl Olson, Superintendent

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