

February 25, 2021

Dear RUSD Families,

We received clarification of the California Department of Public Health Guidelines that will allow us to open fully for in-person instruction. It has almost been a year since we were able to have our students in school fulltime. We look forward to greeting your children for their first day of fulltime in-person instruction on Thursday, March 4. (Transitional Kindergarten students will continue with their normal half day model, either in AM or PM, as Transitional Kindergarten has always been half day.) Frontier Academy will continue to operate in its current format for the remainder of the year.

Unfortunately, we will still not be able to allow parent volunteers in the classrooms or on campus. There will still not be any extra-curricular activities, sports, or field trips allowed. Band will need to be conducted outside when weather permits, with no brass or woodwind instruments allowed at this point. Thankfully, until the end of the school year, breakfast and lunch will still be provided for each student at no cost to our families.

We thank you in advance for continuing to adhere to our health and safety protocols. This will be critically important since we will have all of our hybrid students on campus each day all day. Please remember that all students, TK-8th, must wear masks. We will do our best to keep stable groups together while eating lunch and playing. Middle school groups will be larger, however, as a grade levels eat lunch together. Middle school administrators are working with staff and students to create a seating arrangement for lunch periods to lessen stable group contact. Transportation will also be available on a regular schedule, both before and after school, as will Extended Day services.

For your convenience, please see the attached calendar. We will be going back to the early release Wednesday model, as outlined on the calendar. Lastly, remember that with larger numbers of students in each class, if we have to quarantine, it will most likely be the entire class, as the new guidelines state that a close contact is someone who has been within 6-feet of the positive case for a cumulative 15 minutes in a 24- hour period.

Thank you again for your support, patience, and partnership through this extremely challenging time. We appreciate our entire Rescue Team made up of families, teachers, and staff. Our teachers and staff are the best and they will work extremely hard to be prepared for Thursday, the 4th. The classrooms have to be reconfigured and changed dramatically to be able to provide appropriate space. We appreciate all the efforts put into this. Here's to a strong finish to the 2020-2021 school year!

Most sincerely,

Cheryl Olson