

February 5, 2021

Dear RUSD Families,

It is hard to believe that we are already past the halfway mark of the school year. For such a challenging year with so many twists and turns and changes, it has certainly flown by. We could not have done it without our families partnering with us in the education of our children. We know that our parents and students have worked incredibly hard, alongside our teachers and staff to navigate this unique school year and we are grateful to you and for you.

It is time to make plans for student summer learning opportunities. We will offer a robust summer learning program entitled R.I.S. E. (Readiness. Improvement. Success. Empowerment.) The plan is to assess students this spring, using select district based assessments, to determine gaps students may have resulting from COVID-19. We would then invite students to participate for an opportunity to fill those gaps so that they are better prepared for the next school year.

The R.I.S.E. program will run from June 8 through July 2, from 8:30 - 1:00 daily. Our focus would primarily be on language arts and math. Students will be provided with a grab and go lunch at the end of the session each day, and transportation will be available. We will host this program at Marina Village, Lake Forest, and Rescue Elementary, but students from across the district are welcome to attend.

In addition to the R.I.S.E. program, we will offer our Extended School Year (ESY) program for our special needs students, during the same days and times as the R.I.S.E program, at both Marina Village and Lake Forest.

Lastly, we will offer BOOST programs from July 19 - 30, during the hours of 8:30-12:00. The first BOOST program will be specifically designed for our English language learners and the second BOOST program will be specifically designed for special needs students, both resource and SDC students. These programs will run concurrently and will be offered at Pleasant Grove Middle School and Green Valley, but again, students who qualify may attend from any school in the district. Additionally, students who qualify can attend both the R.I.S.E and the BOOST sessions if desired.

This is a huge endeavor and we would like to reach out now to see what level of interest we might have from our families so we know the staffing we need. We ask that you take a moment and fill out the short survey below by Friday, February 19.

We thank you in advance for your time in responding to our survey, and we thank you again for your partnership. We appreciate you.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Olson, Superintendent

Link to Parent Summer School Survey
<https://forms.gle/HmUWT44igj2QfZQx8>