



Redlands Unified School District

December 18, 2020

Dear RUSD Families and Staff Members,

I want to thank everyone for your patience and efforts during Distance Learning. Distance Learning is not easy, and it is not optimal. Given the restrictions created by the pandemic, everyone continues to work hard to help meet the needs of our students, in the best possible way, given the platform. As you may be aware, the District will enter Winter Break beginning **on Monday, December 21**. Instruction will resume **on Monday, January 11, 2021**.

During the Tuesday, December 15, Board of Education meeting, members of the Board received the following recommendations on how to proceed with our instructional program upon the return to instruction on Monday, January 11:

- Beginning the second semester with Distance Learning.
- Not deciding to remain in Distance Learning for the remainder of the school.
- Maintain a commitment to seek a TK-6 waiver and explore in-person instruction sometime during the second semester, if allowable and deemed safe.

The Board of Education supported all three recommendations.

Some surrounding school districts have decided to remain in Distance Learning throughout the remainder of the school year. Other districts and private schools who have recently submitted TK-6 waivers to the State Department of Public Health have been denied due to the current COVID-19 data in San Bernardino County. When it is allowable and safe, the District will explore all in-person instruction possibilities working in collaboration with our union leaders.

In summary, when staff and students return from Winter Break on Monday, January 11, instruction will continue using a Distance Learning format.

I wish everyone a very happy holiday season. During this break, I hope everyone is able to rest, enjoy the company of family and loved ones and create new and lasting memories.

Respectfully,

Mauricio V. Arellano
Superintendent of Schools