



Redlands Unified School District

March 16, 2021

Dear Middle School and High School Families,

Last Tuesday night, the Board of Education voted to approve the District's recommendation to return to in-person instruction for Elementary students starting on Monday, April 5th. This return date for Elementary students immediately follows the two week Spring Break for students and staff that begins on Monday, March 22nd through Friday, April 2nd. The District is implementing a hybrid schedule in order to meet the expectation by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and the San Bernardino County Department of Public Health (SBDPH) to maintain "stable groups" with minimal mixing and social distancing of four to six feet in classrooms and on campus. Now that San Bernardino County has moved from the "purple" tier into the "red" tier, school districts in our County may consider returning secondary students to in-person instruction. With the expectation from CDPH and SBDPH to maintain stable groups and social distancing, returning secondary students to in-person instruction will require implementing a hybrid schedule.

The District and the leaders of the Redlands Teacher's Association (RTA) are currently in the process of finalizing working condition agreements in order to begin in-person instruction for secondary students. Soon after April 5th, in-person instruction for all secondary students will begin. Once the District and the RTA reach an agreement in the coming days, the members of the Board of Education will schedule a special meeting in order to approve the reopening plan for secondary students and not wait until the next regularly scheduled meeting of Tuesday, April 13th. Once a schedule is agreed upon, and it is able to be shared with you, the District will initiate a parent survey using the AERIES Parent Portal, asking parents to indicate if their child(ren) will return to in-person instruction or remain in Distance Learning.

Further, the District is moving forward with plans to implement Summer School at the High School level, as is done every year. There will be Summer School for both credit recovery and for credit advancement. Summer School will be done using in-person instruction (as allowed following Public Health expectations), Distance Learning (if necessary) and/or On-Line, using the Edgenuity Platform, as we have for years. The District is also in the process of planning Summer School sessions for Middle School. The District will soon release more information regarding Summer School at the Middle School level.

A few weeks ago, information was sent out to all High School parents regarding High School Graduations. As was noted, the High Schools are preparing for two graduation experiences, a virtual experience **and** an in-person experience allowing each student the opportunity to walk across a

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stage. The District does have the Redlands Bowl reserved to conduct in-person graduations and will move forward if the Redlands Bowl is deemed open to the public by the City of Redlands and following mandates related to gatherings that are in place by the local or state departments of public health at that time. More specific information will be shared with you by your school sites as information changes in the coming weeks.

In closing, we want to reassure you that our plan is to begin in-person instruction for secondary students soon after we return from the two-week Spring Break. Returning to in-person instruction will necessitate using a hybrid schedule for the reasons listed above. I invite you and your child(ren) to please review the Safety Plan that is located on the District's website and get acquainted with the general expectations related to safety that will be in place:

www.redlandsusd.net/ReopeningofSchoolPlan.

Respectfully,

Mauricio V. Arellano
Superintendent of Schools