



Roseland Public Schools

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Dear Roseland School District Parents/Guardians,

As the 2019-20 school year comes to an end, I would like to express just how proud I am of our incredible RSD students, families, and staff for persevering during this challenging time and successfully transitioning to Distance Learning. The COVID-19 pandemic has caused an unprecedented amount of change to our daily lives, including how schools operate. Thus, many questions remain about what next school year will look like. I would like to take this opportunity to share with you what we know, and also provide information regarding resources currently available to assist you and your family during this time.

2020-21 School Year

At this point in time, we are still waiting on guidance from the County Public Health Officer and/or the state regarding parameters for reopening school campuses. There are several hypothetical scenarios being discussed regarding what school may look like next year, but we are unable to truly plan, and share concrete information with you, until we receive this important guidance. Our biggest hope is to bring all students back for on-campus teaching and learning; however, our primary goal will be to ensure that we are able to keep all students and staff as safe as possible while COVID-19 remains a health risk. We are anticipating that schools will receive the necessary information to plan for next year in the next couple of weeks. As one of forty school districts in Sonoma County, we will be planning with other local schools, with the goal of creating a common plan. We will be updating you throughout the summer as this plan is developed. For now, the tentative start date for the 2020-21 school year remains **August 10**. We are currently unable to provide information regarding beginning of the school year activities (kinder screening, middle and high school orientation, etc.), but we will update you as soon as we learn more.

What we can share with you about next year is that we anticipate having a range of options available to families. As soon as it is deemed permissible to return to on-campus instruction, we will do so, and we will put all necessary precautionary measures into place, such as social distancing practices and increased sanitization procedures. Additionally, we plan on offering homeschool and independent study options for any parents/guardians that feel it is necessary that their child(ren) continue to learn at home.

School Registration

If you need to register your child for kindergarten, or any other grade level, please call 707-545-0102 and leave a message with your name and phone number. We will return your call and be happy to assist you.

Community Resources & Assistance

The following are some available resources to help support families during this difficult time:

- **School Meal Program-** We will continue offering free school breakfasts and lunches to any child 18 years old and younger throughout the months of June and July. Meals will be distributed at Roseland Elementary School, 950 Sebastopol Road, **every Monday from 10:30 - 12:30**. Breakfast and lunch for the entire week will be provided.

- **Food Distribution-** The Food Bank will continue to provide free food to any family in need of food assistance throughout June and July. Food will be distributed at Roseland Creek Elementary School **every Friday, from 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.** or until supply runs out (please note the summer time change). To pick up food, you must arrive by automobile and drive through the bus loop at Roseland Creek Elementary School, 1683 Burbank Ave., in Santa Rosa.
- **Pandemic EBT (P-EBT) Cards-** Families with children who qualify for free and reduced school lunch can qualify for up to \$365 per child in benefits to be used for groceries via a P-EBT card. This P-EBT card can be used at most grocery stores. Some families will automatically receive their card in the mail. If your child(ren) qualifies for free and reduced lunch, and you did not receive a card in the mail, you must apply online via the internet by June 30. For more information please visit this website: <https://ca.p-ebt.org/>.
- **Disaster Relief Assistance for Immigrants-** A relief program is now available for immigrants that provides \$500/person or up to \$1000/household in assistance for undocumented adults who did not qualify for federal COVID-19 assistance relief. This program is being administered by California Human Development, a non-profit organization. For more information, please call 707-228-1338 or visit this website: <https://californiahumandevelopment.org/>.

As we head into the summer, I want to extend my warmest wishes for a safe and enjoyable summer to all of our Roseland District students and families. In these uncertain times, please know that we in the Roseland District will continue to be here to serve you. We will strive to provide the best possible education for your child(ren), regardless of what parameters are put into place.

I will remain in contact with you throughout the summer as more information becomes available about school next year.

Sincerely,

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