



March 20, 2020

Parents/Guardians/Staff:

As an educator, I experienced the aftermath of the Rodney King verdict in 1992, fraught with community and school danger. I also experienced the Laguna Beach mudslides in 2005 that paralyzed an otherwise thriving community. Of course, most of us experienced the “great recession” in 2007 and beyond. That economic crisis impacted Redondo Beach Unified School District significantly, not to mention every other school district in the United States. Here we are today. The COVID-19 pandemic is easily the most disruptive and difficult experience since I began my public education career in 1986.

Despite the collective challenges experienced with the sudden RBUSD closure, we made it through week one of this new, what appears to be temporary, context. Our Board of Education, our District Office team, our principals and school office staffs, and every other employee have been steadfast in their energy toward providing a quality educational program remotely. Our teachers embraced a “can do” attitude and we cannot thank them enough. Of course, now it’s our parents (and in some cases, extended family members) who are providing support with instruction at home. We have received many emails and texts about our parents’ experiences regarding teaching and learning from home. Indeed, teaching is hard! We applaud the synergy of our parents and teachers to provide the best possible educational program for our students at this time.

Here are essential updates:

- *In the last hour, the Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) has provided a new recommendation regarding a return date for LA County school districts. For staff, the return date (as of today) is Monday, May 4. For students, the return date (as of today) is Tuesday, May 5.*
- Testing: The statewide test (California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress, grades 3-8 and 11) has been cancelled for 2020 by the California Department of Education. For high school students, the SAT/ACT testing scheduled in March has also been cancelled. This will likely be extended further. We thank our students/families enrolled in RUHS AP courses for their patience as we work to process and implement the College Board’s newest resources and recommendations (<https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/about-ap/news-changes/coronavirus-update>).

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- We realize there are many different resources and digital tools to support distance learning and that we have a knowledge-rich community. Please be assured that our Educational Services team, along with our Informational Technology team, are working closely with the California Department of Education to utilize research-based resources and platforms that are best supported by our 1:1 devices.
- We continue to serve grab-and-go meals to any school age student from 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m., Monday-Friday at Adams Middle School.

Stating the obvious, we have two more weeks of instruction before spring break. The Board of Education and I cannot thank you enough for your care and dedication during this difficult time. We take great pride in knowing **WE ARE** Redondo Beach **UNIFIED** School District.

Sincerely,

Steven E. Keller, Ed.D.

*Proud Superintendent of Schools*

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