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June 23, 2020

Dear RUSD Families:

As we plan for the opening of the 2020-2021 school year, we know that it will be different than any other year in the past. With the introduction of COVID-19, a variety of new logistical and health considerations must be addressed for the safety of our students, staff and families which requires us to reimagine what school will look like next year. For the past few months, a Planning Team has been working to develop a recommendation on how to best open our schools to students on August 10, 2020.

The 2020-2021 District Planning Team is currently reviewing and assessing the most up-to-date guidance from the Los Angeles and California Departments of Public Health, and the Centers for Disease Control. The team includes representatives from District operational divisions, administrators, classified and certificated staff and has been developing flexible plans for how learning will take place next year with top priority being given to the health and safety of our students and staff.

As a part of this planning process, a survey of our parents was launched a few weeks ago to learn the current preferences for instruction, with more than 4,000 responses received. Results showed near equal support for returning to full in-classroom instruction, a blend between distance learning and in-person instruction, and all distance learning. As a result of this input, we are considering a few options to meet the learning and personal family needs of each of our students. As a District, we are committed to the learning and social-emotional needs of all of our students.

The ongoing work of the Planning Team will be shared with the Board of Education on Monday, June 29 at 6:00 p.m. during their regularly scheduled meeting and the public is always welcome to attend the Board meeting virtually. Information on attending the Board meeting can be found on our District website. **Additionally, we invite you to attend our RUSD virtual parent meetings to discuss the learning options and answer questions:**

- **Tuesday, June 30 at 11:30 AM English, 5 PM Spanish and 7:00 PM Chinese**
- **Wednesday, July 1 at 6:30 PM English**

Please continue to monitor your email, our District website [rowlandschools.org](http://rowlandschools.org), text messages and phone calls, as we will be reaching out regularly to share the most up to date information in the coming weeks. We welcome your input and if you have any questions, please feel free to contact our parent hotline at (626)854-8543.

The health, safety and wellness of our students, staff and families remain our top priority. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Julie Mitchell".

Julie Mitchell, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools

**Board Vision:** The Rowland Unified School District promotes, expects, and accepts nothing short of excellence. We have a collective commitment to be the best school district in California.

**Mission:** The mission of the Rowland Unified School District, the progressive international community united in learning, is to empower students so that each actualizes his or her unique potential and responsibly contributes to a global society, through a system distinguished by rigorous academics, innovative use of technology, creative exploration, and nurturing learning experiences.