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# Rosedale

**Union School District**

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**Sue Lemon**  
*District Superintendent*

July 30, 2021

Greetings, Rosedale Families!

We are excited to begin the 2021-2022 school year! School offices will be open beginning Monday, August 2 at 8 am. The first day of school is **Wednesday, August 18**, and we look forward to welcoming back our nearly 6,000 students. While I know there will be more questions and some uncertainty with this upcoming school year, I am confident in knowing that we have amazing staff members and families dedicated to teaching and supporting our students every day.

As we prepare for the upcoming school year, our highest priority is to have students in school every day in the safest way possible. We will offer in-person instruction five days a week for full instructional days. Bell schedules and instructional minutes will be very much the same as they were prior to the pandemic. Buses are scheduled to run at full capacity. During the last few weeks, updated guidance from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and California Division of Occupational Safety and Health (Cal/OSHA) has been provided to California's K-12 schools. The following updates are included in the current guidance for the 2021-2022 school year.

- Masks are required for everyone while indoors or on school transportation.
- Masks are optional outdoors.
- No more social distancing requirements indoors or outdoors.

We are updating and finalizing plans for the safe return to in-person instruction. Please look for more detailed information and check our websites regarding updated schedules, health and safety guidance, and instructional plans in the coming weeks. Rosedale is offering a Virtual Learning option through the Independent Study Program. Parents may request a meeting with administration to discuss enrollment into the Virtual Learning/Independent Study Program. Please call the District Office at 661-588-6000 to inquire.

While it is good news that we are almost back to normal, it is important to remember that the pandemic is still a factor in our community. Please be aware, as conditions and circumstances change, it may be necessary to adjust throughout the year. We will continue to hope for the best but know that flexibility and resilience are the keys to success.

I am grateful to all, and confident Rosedale will continue to do great things for our students. I am honored to have the opportunity to serve our community. I look forward to an outstanding 21-22 school year.

Respectfully,



Sue Lemon  
District Superintendent