August 7, 2020

Dear RUSD Staff, Families and Community,

We hope you are staying safe and healthy during this challenging time. Our entire RUSD staff is working diligently to welcome students and families on Monday, August 10, 2020. Below are a few updates.

**Attendance**

Daily participation is required for all students as part of compulsory attendance. Teachers will document daily participation for each student on each school day. A student who does not participate on a school day will be marked absent for that school day. Parents should call their school of residence to provide the reasons for a student’s absence.

**Textbooks & Student Supplies**

During the week of August 17, families will be able to pick up textbooks and school supplies. Items such as pencils, crayons, scissors, erasers, pens, highlighters, and paper will be available for all students. Additional supplies specific to the visual art instruction for each grade level will also be provided.

**Technology Support**

We are committed to providing student devices for those who do not already have a device at home. If your child has a device they can use for Virtual / Distance Learning, please have them use that device. If your child is in need of a device or hotspot for Internet connectivity and does not already have one, please call the RUSD Tech Support hotline. Please note that for the safety and security of our students, all chromebooks checked out from RUSD are equipped with a content filter. You are encouraged to use [https://bit.ly/rusdfam20](https://bit.ly/rusdfam20) for technology tools that students will be using during Distance and Virtual learning.

If your child is in need of a device, hotspot for internet, or technical assistance, please contact us at:

- RUSD Tech Support Hotline: 951-208-7185
- RUSD Tech Support Email: support@riversideunified.org

**2020-21 New Student Quick Start Guide**

This guide includes instructions and links to videos and resources to help you get started in RUSD. Resources include items such as: Chromebook log in, Clever, Google Classroom, Aeries Parent Portal, internet access, and lunch services.

**Meals**

Meal service will be provided at all RUSD schools beginning Tuesday, August 11, 2020. For the beginning of the school year, Grab and Go meals will be served on Tuesdays and Thursdays only, from 11:15 am - 12:45 pm. We will continue to monitor meal service locations and make adjustments as necessary.

Students will be served meals based on their meal program eligibility. Student ID, or lunch number, must be presented at the time of pick up. Families may choose to pick up meals at their home site or the nearest RUSD school. Visit riversideunified.org to view menus and nutritional information. Menus are subject to change. All RUSD families are highly encouraged to apply for the Meal Program. To apply, please visit riversideunified.org/mealprogram or call Nutrition Services at (951)352-6740.

Our staff is looking forward to seeing you on Monday. For more information, visit riversideunified.org and follow us at @RiversideUSD on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

Sincerely,

Riverside Unified School District