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“Every Student, Every Day, Preparing for Tomorrow”

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Dear Rams Families,

The CJSD governing board met last night at their regular monthly meeting to decide on our instructional model moving forward. They approved to continue in **distance learning through Friday, Jan. 22nd. Beginning Monday, Jan. 25th we will move into our recently described hybrid model until Friday, Feb. 12th**. The governing board will meet during its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 9th with the hope that we will then move back into our in-person learning model.

We know this is not the ideal situation and we so much want our students back at school fully in-person with their teachers. With the metrics continuing to be in the “substantial transmission” category we feel it is not safe to return to school yet. Our hope is to see a decline in the metrics data moving forward, so that we can open fully in-person safely.

Our CJSD employees are scheduled to receive their first dose of the vaccine on Tuesday, Jan. 19th and we are excited that this day has finally arrived. We hope that the vaccine will help alleviate some of the fears and anxieties that some of our folks have had over the past school year.

Winter Sports “Off and Now Back On”

The AZ Interscholastic Association (AIA) last week voted to cancel the winter sports season, but have now reversed this decision. In following the AIA, middle school basketball and cheer will now be back to playing. Although this is a shortened season, our kids deserve to play as they have been practicing hard for several weeks now. **ONLY** two parents/guardians are allowed per athlete to attend home games and face coverings are required at all times. Athletes (even while playing) will be required to wear a face covering. We are proud of our coaches who have instituted mitigations strategies to help keep our athletes safe.

Report Cards/Lost & Found

Report cards are available each day from 8:30 am-2:30 pm in the front of the school where we are distributing free meals. We have also displayed our lost and found items (clothing, coats, lunch boxes, etc.), so if your child lost an item you can check to see if it is there.

Distance Learning Platform

We know the challenges of online (distance) learning, as it is NOT the ideal model to teach our students. Although we have worked hard to improve our instructional strategies, we are constantly working to make sure this model is better. With that said, I have attached a document for your review that describes what to expect from teachers at grade level and what you can expect of your children. Please communicate with your child’s teacher if you have any questions or concerns.

Hybrid Learning Model

This means the first group of students (half the student body) attends in-person Mon./Wed. while the second group (other half) completes assigned work virtually at home. On Tues./Thurs. the second group attends school in person, while the first group completes assignments virtually at home. Fridays are a distance learning day for the entire student body. We will return to this model beginning Monday, Jan. 25th-Feb. 12th. We will have more detailed information to you by the end of the week regarding this model implementation.

We know this is an incredibly challenging time right now for families, businesses, and our educational community as a whole, but I am feeling upbeat and positive as we move further into 2021. I appreciate your patience and understanding and know that we will overcome this latest surge. We will be stronger as we move forward with each day.

Thanks again Rams Families,

Danny Brown, Superintendent