



## Richmond Elementary School District

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Dear Richmond Community,

This morning Dr. Korver, the Lassen County Health Officer, issued an order closing all schools in Lassen County to in-person instruction, effective November 23 through December 31<sup>st</sup>. Effectively, this means school may resume at Richmond Elementary on January, 4, 2020.

Naturally, we want our students in school receiving in-person instruction from us. We are sad to hear this news. We are determined, however, to make the best of this situation and focus on providing your child/ children the best possible distance learning experience until we can return to in-class instruction.

To that end, Richmond teachers worked diligently over the summer to create distance learning plans – just in case this moment arrived. When our teachers created those plans, they kept your thoughts and ideas for improving distance learning at the forefront of their mind, including:

- A focus on the most important content
- A focus on engagement, to motivate your son(s)/ daughter(s)
- A focus on social-emotional well-being, so students feel less isolated
- A focus on daily, live interaction with a teacher
- More instructional support throughout the day

In addition to changes that came from our community, schools across the state were required to make additional changes to their distance learning programs. Among these state-wide changes, students are now required participate in **daily live interaction** with their teacher and complete **daily** benchmark assignments in order to receive daily attendance from their teacher. *The intention of this new attendance requirement is to keep students connected to Richmond Elementary, their teacher, and their classmates each day.*

Your child's teacher will explain this, and more, next week. Here is some important information for you in the meantime:

On Monday, November 30<sup>th</sup> you (or your student) will receive:

- Contact from your child's teacher with directions
- Information about what your child needs to complete to receive daily attendance
- What your child needs to do each day to be successful in distance learning

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By Monday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, you will also receive information about:

- Checking out Chrome Books
- Specialized Support Services (cohorts): Internet/ Connectivity Support
- Specialized Support Services (cohorts): Special Education Services
- Specialized Support Services (cohorts): Speech Services
- Lunch Services

As you know, our staff is currently on Thanksgiving Break. However, we will be available to answer questions and support you on Monday, November 30<sup>th</sup>.

We know these are challenging times. We will be here to help you and your child/ children.

Thank you for your support as we work though this together.

Sincerely,

Sabrina Greiten

Richmond Elementary

Superintendent/ Principal

This communication is being sent to: Richmond Board of Trustees, Richmond employees, Richmond parents and students (all-call, email, Richmond's website, Facebook), and Lassen County Office of Education

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