Dear Parent(s) and Guardian(s):

The purpose of this communication is to let you know that RUSD will be administering local assessments this spring. Thank you for your continued patience as we adapt our regular school practices and procedures to accommodate the many challenges and learning opportunities presented by the pandemic.

As you may know, each Spring our district provides the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) statewide assessments in English language arts and math to students in grades 3-8 and 11. Recently, the California State Board of Education gave districts the option to choose either the statewide assessments or district-selected local assessments for this 2020-2021 school year.

After having a team consider the assessment options, available student technology, teacher input, and student needs, RUSD has chosen to move forward with a local assessment. These local assessments will meet the state requirements, are considerably shorter in length for students, and will provide valuable information about student learning levels. Parents/guardians with students in grades 3-8 and 11 will still receive their child’s results from the local assessments in both English language arts and math.

The spring assessment is one of many ways to measure student learning. It is not meant to tell the whole story, but when combined with other factors, like teacher input and report card grades, it will give families a more complete picture of your child’s performance.

Thank you again for your continued support and partnership as we navigate the unique circumstances and work together to address student learning needs.

If you have any questions about your child’s assessments, please contact your child’s School Principal.

Sincerely,

Renee Hill
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