



June 29, 2018

Dear Rocklin Academy Families,

On behalf of Rocklin Academy faculty and staff, I would like to thank the parents, grandparents and other family members who volunteered their time to our school throughout the 2017-2018 school year. Your partnership and commitment to our school program enables us to create special activities and experiences that brings our Core Knowledge curriculum to life and impacts student learning.

Our dedicated PSP coordinated many incredible events that support our family and school culture such as the Harvest Carnival, Annual Dance Showcase, family dinner nights, Movie Nights, and the most successful Annual Giving Campaign (AGC) our site has ever seen. Thank you to all of our families who donated throughout the year to help make these events possible. Your support also helped to provide supplemental materials for the classroom which is greatly appreciated!

Looking ahead to the 2018-2019 school year, we would like to welcome our new and returning families. The faculty and staff are all looking forward to another wonderful year together. Please read this entire letter of essential information; it includes important updates which will soon take place at our schools. Following this letter is an update from Superintendent Stout regarding our Long Term Housing Agreement.

Please note that in the third week of July, Emergency Card information will be sent out to families. This will include links to important documents that need to be completed annually and submitted before school begins each year. Below, you will see various links to additional information you will find useful in preparing for our upcoming school year.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laura Regan".

Laura Regan
Principal

Long Term Housing Agreement Update from Superintendent Stout

June 29, 2018

Dear Rocklin Academy Meyers and Turnstone Families and Staff:

I hope your summer is off to a good start! Several weeks ago, I sent communication regarding the future plans for the physical location of our Meyers and Turnstone schools. In that letter, I described how the initial Long Term Housing Agreement (LTHA) with Rocklin Unified School District (RUSD) is set to expire after being in place for eleven years and how the needs of our schools have evolved, requiring a new facilities plan for the foreseeable future.

The plan under which we currently operate was agreed to through negotiations with RUSD and our hope is that we can come to another mutually beneficial agreement. In the meantime, I wanted to provide you with information in response to some of the questions we have received.

Will anything change for the upcoming 2018-2019 school year?

No. The coming school year is the final year of the current agreement so both schools will operate as they have in the past.

Is maintaining the status quo an option for a new agreement?

No. Maintaining the two schools as they are does not provide the best environment in which to implement our educational model nor is it cost-effective. We need an agreement that allows us to maximize educational benefit and dedicate our resources to the classroom.

What are Rocklin Academy's goals for the LTHA?

We want to provide the best educational environment for our students, maximize collaboration opportunities for teachers, and have a plan which is fiscally responsible. Having three classes per grade level would increase teachers' ability to differentiate and group students. For instance, teachers can use student data to identify students' needs on particular skills or standards, and can group their students across the three classrooms, targeting instruction for students across the grade level. One teacher can provide intervention for students, another for students needing instruction and practice, and the third provide an extension for students who have already mastered the skill. The additional collaboration time for teachers being on one campus would directly impact the educational benefit for our students.

To achieve this, our best case scenario would be to combine our Turnstone and Meyers students and families on one campus. Ideally, the campus would be our own site, not a shared

campus with another school.

Is there a chance the schools could close without a new housing agreement?

No. The housing agreement is separate from the charters that authorize the schools.

What happens if a negotiated agreement can't be reached?

State law, passed by voters in 2000, requires school districts to provide facilities to charter schools that are “reasonably equivalent” to those provided to district-run schools if requested by the charter school. This is commonly referred to as a “Prop 39” request, named for the proposition number that voters passed. Prop 39 proceedings can be complicated and take several months to reach conclusion. Therefore, if we are unable to reach an agreement soon, we will very likely make a Prop 39 request to RUSD.

Is there anything parents can do now to help?

At this point, I just wanted to make sure you were up to date on our progress. There is not anything for parents to do right now; however, there will likely be opportunities for engagement should we move into the Prop 39 process.

Thank you for letting me interrupt your summer to give you this update, and please let me know if you have any questions.

Warmly,

Robin Stout Executive Director/Superintendent

General Information

Class rosters will be posted in the office window on Friday, **August 3, at 4:00pm**, and suggested class supply lists are already posted on our website. Please check for specific grade level suggested supply lists before shopping for needed supplies.

- [Suggested Student Supply Lists](#)
- [School Calendar](#)
- [Online Application for Free and Reduced Lunch Program](#)
- [McKinney-Vento Education of Homeless Act](#)

- [All in for Health](#)

New Rocklin Academy Driving Policy

Our student transportation policy was updated this past year to include requiring a DMV driving record in order to drive on field trips of a certain length. As this change was made mid-year, it was only implemented for field trips in which traveling 65 miles or more was involved.

Student safety is our number one priority. As such, the requirement to obtain and submit a DMV driving record has been extended to all chaperones who wish to drive on any field trip regardless of distance (when transporting children other than your own). We want to ensure that students are riding in cars with safe drivers. The policy is included in the school handbook for your reference. The DMV driving record may be obtained online:

<https://www.dmv.org/ca-california/driving-records.php>.

2018-2019 Faculty at Rocklin Academy Turnstone

Kindergarten – April Leatherman and Keri Reno

1st Grade – Bethany Boekestein/Natalie Singleton and Gabrielle Ferguson

2nd Grade – Tanya Capulong and Torrey Headley

3rd Grade – Shannon Meadows and Ana Sotka

4th Grade – Irene Yousef and Jenni Pike

5th Grade – Catherine Klein and Lynette Chappell

6th Grade – Mriah Peters and Angie Main

P.E. Instructors – Jena Oehler

Music Teacher - Amber Fruhling

Enrichment Support (K-6) – Megan Curtis and Megan Dresser

Ed Specialist - Kim Payne

Speech and Language Pathologist - Marla Navarro

2018-2019 Faculty at Rocklin Academy Meyers

Kindergarten – Jenny Wood
1st Grade – Deanna Gomez
2nd Grade – Kathy Putkey
3rd Grade – Annie Peck
4th Grade – Janey Moffett
5th Grade – Kori Crowe
6th Grade – Diana Wilson
P.E. Instructor - Katie Sawaya
Music Teacher – Amber Fruhling
Enrichment Support (K-6) – Jenny Kuwazaki
Ed Specialist - Kim Payne
Speech and Language Pathologist - Emily Haddad

Rocklin Academy Meyers and Turnstone Hours
Doors open at 8:00; instruction begins at 8:10

Kindergarten	8:10-1:40
Grades 1-6	8:10-3:10
Minimum Day (K-6)	8:10-11:40

Rocklin Academy Meyers and Turnstone
Some key dates to remember for August and September

August 1-13	Office Hours	8:00 am - 12:00 pm
August 14	*Meet the Teacher	2:00-3:00

August 15	First Day of School	8:10-3:10 Grades 1-6 8:10-1:40 Kindergarten
August 16	Back to School Night 6:30-8:00pm	Minimum Day Schedule 8:10-11:40
September 3	Labor Day	No School
September 4	Teacher Professional Development	No School

***Kindergarten-Individual meeting times will be emailed in August**

We wish everyone a wonderful summer break!

Rocklin Academy faculty and staff