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To: Rim of the World Unified School District Employees and Community
From: The Rim of the World School Board and Administration
Date: September 7, 2021
Re: Board Meetings

Dear Rim School District family,

We have a shared responsibility to keep each other safe and protected from the devastating impact of the Coronavirus pandemic. Each of us also has a shared opportunity to do our part to maintain safe environments at all school activities.

Whether we agree or not with the state's mask mandate, a public health directive is a law and we will be following those requirements. We need to have all people wearing masks while indoors on our campuses. We have identified at least 21 positive cases throughout the district and are following contact tracing requirements to notify student families and staff. It is our goal to keep our schools open five days a week with in-person instruction per the state directive.

At the last regular Board of Education meeting on August 19th, many of the audience members were not following the state mask mandate. When the Board President reminded the audience of the requirement to wear a mask while indoors on a TK-12 public school campus, people continued to refuse in protest.

Because we cannot ensure that adults will wear masks when attending Board of Education meetings, creating an unsafe environment for community members and staff, we will be conducting our Board of Education meetings virtually beginning with the regularly scheduled meeting on September 9.

Virtual Board of Education Meetings will be held via YouTube. If you wish to view the meeting please log into: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCe2QvaFm-pTHtFeDTE7atWg>

Members of the public that would like to address the Governing Board by submitting a written comment, will need to email connie_santacruz@rimsd.k12.ca.us by noon on the day of the meeting. Written comments will be read aloud and subject to the Board's usual time limits on public comment. We appreciate your time and opinion when submitting comments to the board.

If you have questions or concerns related to the mask mandate, we encourage you to contact your local state representatives to express your opinion and advocate for the changes you seek with the proper authorities or in the upcoming election.

California Governor Gavin Newsom: (916) 445-2841; <https://www.gov.ca.gov/>
California Assembly Member Thurston "Smitty" Smith: (760) 244-5277; <https://ad33.asmr.org/>
California State Senator Rosilicie Ochoa Bogh: (909) 919-7731; <https://ochoa-bogh.cssrc.us/>
California Department of Public Health: (916) 558-1784

Thank you for your understanding and support as we do our best to keep our students, staff and community members safe and this includes wearing a mask while indoors on our campuses.