



Rialto Unified School District

Board Date: March 15, 2021

TO: Board of Education
FROM: Cuauhtémoc Avila, Ed. D., Superintendent
ITEM: **AMENDED RESOLUTION NO. 20-21-25
TO RECONVENE CERTAIN OUTDOOR YOUTH SPORTS IN ACCORDANCE
WITH GUIDANCE FROM THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
HEALTH AND CALIFORNIA INTERSCHOLASTIC FEDERATION**

**RESOLUTION 20-21-25
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF
THE RIALTO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

March 15, 2021

WHEREAS, on or about March 23, 2020, the Rialto Unified School District, in response to the COVID-19 crisis, closed its schools and ceased operation of its athletic programs.

WHEREAS, on December 14, 2020, the California Department of Public Health (“CDPH”) released guidance for youth sports programs, outlining requirements and recommendations for safe youth sports programs. Under this guidance, the CDPH authorized physical conditioning, practice, skill-building, and training that can be conducted outdoors with six feet of physical distance between participants, and within stable cohorts, to resume competition, regardless of county tier status. This authorized “low contact” outdoor sports, including: Track and Field, Cross Country, Tennis (singles), Swimming and Diving and Golf to resume even while the county remained in the California Blueprint for a Safer Economy “widespread” or purple tier.

WHEREAS, on February 19, 2021, the CDPH released updated guidance for youth sports programs, permitting outdoor “moderate contact” and “high contact” sports, including Football, Soccer, Baseball, and Cheerleading, to begin competition as early as February 26, 2021, so long as adjusted case rates for COVID-19 in the county are equal to or less than 14 cases per 100,000 population, and other testing and informed consent requirements are followed.

WHEREAS, as of March 13, 2021, San Bernardino County is designated in the California Blueprint for a Safer Economy as being in the “substantial” or red tier, with an adjusted case rate of 6.7 per 100,000 population. Thus, the District may reconvene certain outdoor youth sports programs in accordance with the CDPH and CIF guidance.

WHEREAS, to ensure the safety of District students, employees and the community, the District will require various safety measures for students participating in the District’s youth sports programs, employees assisting with these programs and community members observing these programs, including use of face coverings, social distancing requirements, and other safety measures.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the Board authorizes certain outdoor athletic programs to resume conditioning and subsequent competition pursuant to CDPH and CIF requirements and guidelines.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Superintendent and his designees will continue to meet to evaluate local, state and federal health orders relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, and will make recommendations and implement protocols necessary to comply with those orders.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED that should any portion of this Resolution be held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the Resolution which can be given effect without the invalid provisions or application, and to this end the provisions of this Resolution are declared to be severable.

AMENDMENT: That the proposed amendment to the Resolution be approved as is with the exception of the operational start date being scheduled for April 1, 2021 be extended to April 5, 2021, contingent on the School District, independently of the County, be in the red tier or lower.

APPROVED, PASSED AND ADOPTED by the following vote of the Board of Education of the Rialto Unified School District, County of San Bernardino, State of California on March 15, 2021.

AYES: _____ NOES: _____ ABSENT: _____ ABSTAINED: _____

I certify under penalty of perjury, the foregoing statements to be true and correct.

Joseph W. Martinez, President

Cuahtémoc Avila, Ed.D., Superintendent