

## **RP Update**

Tuesday, April 21, 2020

### **School Board meeting**

The April meeting of the Ray-Pec Board of Education is scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday, April 23. You may view the agenda at: [www.raypec.k12.mo.us/boarddocs](http://www.raypec.k12.mo.us/boarddocs). This will be a virtual meeting with Board of Education members participating via Google. The public may view the meeting via Facebook Live at the following link: <https://www.facebook.com/raypec/live/>. (You do not have to have a Facebook account to view the meeting.) After the meeting, the video will be posted to the District's YouTube account. Because this is a business meeting and not a "town hall" meeting, comments during the Facebook Live will be restricted and will not be considered "public comment." The District has a process for public comments at board meetings. If you would like to submit a comment to the Board, please send an email to Board Secretary Pam Steele at [pam.steele@raypec.org](mailto:pam.steele@raypec.org) by noon on Thursday, April 23. Any comments submitted could be considered public records under the Sunshine Law.

### **Sympathy**

The District extends sympathy to the family and friends of Tom O'Reilly, 74, of Peculiar, who was Director of Buildings and Grounds for the District from August 1989 through June 2000. [Obituary](#)

### **Schools closed through end of the school year**

Ray-Pec has extended the school closure through the end of the school year, consistent with an order by Gov. Mike Parson.

### **Distance learning continues**

Distance learning opportunities are available for students through May 22. [More information](#)

### **Meal service continues**

During the school closure, the District will continue to provide to-go breakfast and lunch at no charge for Ray-Pec residents ages 18 and younger. [Meal service during school closure](#). To sign up for meals, please send an email to Sarah Chellberg, Director of Child Nutrition, at [sarah.chellberg@raypec.org](mailto:sarah.chellberg@raypec.org). Families who are unable to pick up to-go meals: please contact Dr. Bryan Pettengill, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services, at [bryan.pettengill@raypec.org](mailto:bryan.pettengill@raypec.org) to arrange for meal delivery.

### **Evening meals**

Fellowship Church, 116 S. Washington St., Raymore, is providing free, hot and ready meals each Thursday. Meals are available from 4 to 6 p.m. or while supplies last. The church is also providing evening meals on Mondays at Fellowship Church Greenwood Campus, 1601 W. Main St., Greenwood; and on Tuesdays at Pleasant Hill High School, 1 Rooster Way, Pleasant Hill.

### **Weekend meals**

Caring About Nutrition will continue to offer weekend meal assistance. To donate food or money, please contact Jodie Huston at [jodie.huston@raypec.org](mailto:jodie.huston@raypec.org). If your family circumstances have recently changed and you would like to receive the weekly food packages, please notify Jodie Huston.

### **Activity cancellations**

While schools are closed, all school athletics, activities, and scheduled events are canceled. In addition, all activities using Ray-Pec facilities are canceled. Details will be shared as they become available about the cancellation or rescheduling of other activities, including Graduation.

### **Neighbors Helping Neighbors**

Ray-Pec Cares, an outreach of the Ray-Pec Public School Foundation, has introduced a new program called "[Neighbors Helping Neighbors.](#)" The program aims to match helpers with people who need assistance.

### **Community Resources**

Ray-Pec Cares has also developed a [community resource list](#) that may be helpful to families during the stay-at-home order related to the coronavirus pandemic.

### **Stadium and playgrounds closed**

To limit the spread of illness, all Ray-Pec school playgrounds and Panther Stadium are officially closed until further notice. To keep our community safe, please do not gather on school grounds or parking lots.

### **Work for Ray-Pec**

Here's a link to [current job openings](#).

### **Quick Tip**

[Quick Tip](#) is an online method of reporting a school safety or bullying issue, or concern about a student engaging in self-harm. Users may click on the link and complete the information requested. Tip reporters may enter personal contact information or remain anonymous.

### **In the Community**

For information about [events in the community](#).

### **About RP Update**

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