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ROCKLIN UNIFIED LOWERS TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN TO LOWEST CLASS SIZE IN THE REGION, 20:1

ROCKLIN, CA (February 9, 2015) - Rocklin Unified School District (RUSD) is pleased to announce the expansion of their Transitional Kindergarten (TK) and Kindergarten Programs and the piloting of a full-day kindergarten program at five school sites.

Effective for the 2015-16 school-year, RUSD will be expanding its Transitional Kindergarten Program to their Rocklin Elementary campus. Rocklin Unified will also be reducing the class size in their TK classrooms from 24 students to 20 students. Superintendent Roger Stock noted, "This represents a significant investment in our youngest learners, providing them a strong foundation on which to meet the required rigor of our new college and career curriculum standards."

Transitional Kindergarten classrooms will now be held on the following campuses; Antelope Creek, Parker Whitney, Rock Creek and Rocklin Elementary schools. A classroom may be added to the Cobblestone campus as determined by enrollment numbers. The Transitional Kindergarten programs in RUSD are taught by highly-qualified, fully credentialed teachers. The weekly schedule includes library and technology access for all students. TK students are on an extended-day schedule, allowing for a balance of academic and social emotional growth in a developmentally appropriate classroom setting.

In addition, RUSD will be piloting full-day Kindergarten classes on five of their campuses, Cobblestone, Rocklin, Ruhkala, Sunset Ranch and Sierra Elementary schools. In addition to their daily academic instruction, students in our full-day Kindergarten classes will receive Physical Education and Visual and Performing Arts taught by teachers credentialed in physical education and arts education. A full-day kindergarten model provides academic and social benefits, while meeting the schedule needs of our students and families.

Parent Information Nights are scheduled as follows:

*Transitional Kindergarten Parent Night

Wednesday, February 11 6:00 P.M. RUSD Board Room 2615 Sierra Meadows Drive, Rocklin

*Kindergarten Parent Information Night

Thursday, February 19 6:00 P.M. Neighborhood School Sites

Registration packets are now being accepted for both our Transitional Kindergarten and Kindergarten programs and during the *Parent Information Night sessions. Registration packets are currently available online at: <u>www.rocklinusd.org</u> or at your local school site.