Assembly Bill 104 Guidelines addressing required coursework for high school graduation

Assembly Bill 104 (included in Senate Bill 130) recently became law, taking effect immediately. It adds the following Section to the Education Code.

Education Code Section 51225 – Pertaining to coursework required for graduation from high school.

RUSD will allow high school students who were in their third or fourth year of high school during the 2020-2021 school year, and who were not on track to graduate in four years, to be exempt from all of the RUSD graduation requirements that exceed statewide requirements. These students must still meet statewide coursework requirements to graduate and can be provided the opportunity to do so through completion of a fifth year of high school instruction, credit recovery, or some other manner.

Specific highlights of the requirements/process include:

- → Class of 2022 only (current seniors)
- → State graduation requirements
 - ◆ Three courses in **English**
 - ◆ Two courses in <u>mathematics</u>, including one year of Math I/Algebra
 - ◆ Two courses in <u>science</u>, including biological and physical sciences
 - ◆ Three courses in <u>social studies</u>, including United States history and geography; world history, culture, and geography; a one-semester course in American government and civics, and a one-semester course in economics
 - ◆ One course in <u>visual or performing arts</u>, <u>foreign language</u>, or career technical education.
 - ◆ Two courses in <u>physical education</u>, unless the pupil has been exempted pursuant
- → Provide credit recovery options, including possible 5th year