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Dear Parents/Guardians:

As you are aware, we are currently utilizing remote learning and this will continue through the remainder of this semester. Likewise, the district will remain in remote learning following Christmas break for at least the first two weeks in January. As we approach next semester, the Page Unified School District (PUSD) will be deciding when to transition from remote back to Hybrid 2.0 learning. This decision will be based on metrics and guidelines published by government agencies such as the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) and Coconino County Health and Human Services (CCHHS). We will also consider, as part of the decision making, recommendations from the Navajo Nation and the local Community Wellness Collaboration Committee.

The ADHS has outlined key benchmarks to determine the delivery model of education for each school district. The three benchmarks are as followed: Cases, Percent Positivity, and COVID-like Illness. Each benchmark has an associated recommendation based on the metrics.

Benchmarks	Minimal	Moderate	Substantial
Cases	<10 cases/100,000	10 - 100 cases /100,000	>100 cases/100,000
Percent Positivity	<5%	5 - 10%	>10%
COVID-like Illness	<5%	5 - 10%	>10%
Recommended Delivery Model	Traditional	Hybrid	Virtual (w/onsite support services)

ADHS publishes their recommended delivery model for each county weekly. This report can be found at <https://www.azdhs.gov> CCHHS then uses the number from ADHS and other local reporting agencies to then publish a report for PUSD. This report can be found at <https://www.coconino.az.gov/covid19> Currently the metrics for Page and the surrounding areas are in the substantial category in all three benchmarks and the recommended delivery model is remote learning (w/onsite support services).

There are a series of questions that must be answered as “Yes” in order to safely return to the Hybrid model of learning. If any of the following questions are answered as “No”, then PUSD will continue to use the remote model of learning. Those questions are:

1. Are new cases in Minimal or Moderate transmission category for two weeks? Yes or No
2. Is there a two-week decline in the number of new cases? or Is the percent of positive COVID-19 tests less than 7% for two weeks? Yes or No
3. Are ER visits and hospitalizations for COVID-19 in minimal or moderate transmission for two weeks? Yes or No

When all three benchmark metrics are in the moderate and/or minimal categories and before a decision is made to transition the learning model, PUSD will coordinate and seek advice from CCHHS, the Navajo Nation and the local Community Wellness Collaboration.

We will continue to update the community as we move towards meeting the criteria to transition to the hybrid learning model.

Sincerely,

/s/ Jim Walker

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