



September 14, 2020

Dear PUSD Staff & Families:

The purpose of this communication is to advise that the district is actively planning to implement our Continuous Learning Plan to reopen schools with a modified in-person learning model. This decision is due to the fact that we have not only met the state and county metrics, but have maintained this position for several weeks. We understand the importance of sharing when and how the district will determine it is safe to return to school, what safety measures will be in place to protect everyone and what options we have for your child.

On September 1, 2020, the Governing Board passed a Resolution directing district leadership to recommend a timeline to transition to modified in-person learning based on the benchmarks set by the Arizona Department of Health Services and/or the Coconino County Department of Public Health.

Now that we have met the criteria and benchmarks for a few weeks, staff and families will be notified and the transition to modified in-person learning will begin. The state and county health departments have published data dashboards that show the three key metrics and the recommended benchmarks schools should meet prior to opening. The data is updated every Thursday. As mentioned previously, we have not only met all three metrics, but our communities have maintained this status for a few weeks now.

This letter shall serve as the two week notice for reopening school with a target date of October 5, 2020. The Governing Board will meet on September 22, 2020, in a study session with a possible business meeting on September 28, 2020, or sooner to consider reopening. We are actively planning the details to return to a hybrid model where families can elect to allow their children to return to an in-person learning environment or they may choose to keep their children home and continue with the remote learning option. A recommendation by the local CWC was to return with 50% of our students on site, 50% virtual, with a staggered reopening schedule. These options are being evaluated by the District team. We are asking that you continue to monitor our website and Facebook pages for more information in the coming weeks.

I want to be as clear as possible with the understanding that information changes on an hourly basis. We must plan to move forward, yet we must plan to revise if necessary to meet the safety needs of staff and students. Your understanding of this fluid approach is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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