



Phoenix Advantage Charter School

DEAR PACS FAMILY AND STAFF,

I hope this letter finds you well and enjoying your summer. As we approach August, we want to share with you our plan to reopen PACS in the fall. Over the last two months, PACS staff and Board members worked relentlessly to design an approach that balances the safety of our students and staff with the return to a learning environment that allows our students to thrive. As a first step, we listened to parents, teachers and support staff, through our survey and continue to follow the CDC and Government guidance on safety. We designed our plan to maintain a healthy building environment, to provide flexibility for families, and to prepare for future contingencies.

Our plan is built to adjust to evolving conditions regarding COVID-19 and we will update you further over the summer as appropriate. All of our plans are informed by and consistent with current state and national public health guidelines, and our plans will evolve as guidelines and orders are adjusted.

PREVENTION: Screening begins at home by being aware of common symptoms and situations related to COVID-19. If your child is experiencing fever, shortness of breath, cough, chills, muscle pain, sore throat or a recent loss of taste or smell, parents/guardians must inform the school and keep the child at home.

- **CLEANING:** Following CDC guidelines, we are increasing the amount of routine and nightly cleaning, with a focus on high-touch surfaces and common areas utilizing electrostatic sprayers capable of continual disinfecting.
- **FACE MASKS:** PACS will comply with all state and local requirements for mandatory face coverings. Students will be required to provide their own cloth or paper face mask. PACS will provide a paper face mask if a student forgets to bring one to school. All employees or contracted service providers with a need to move beyond the front office will be required to wear a face covering.
- **HAND WASHING:** All students, faculty, and staff will wash their hands or use hand sanitizer when entering the building or a classroom and before and after breakfast, lunch and snacks.

SOCIAL DISTANCING:

- **Spacing** between desks will be increased as much as the classroom space allows, and with limited exceptions desks will all face forward.
- **Students** will be kept in the same class group as much as possible throughout the day.



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- **Lunch** periods will be staggered to keep lunch-room occupancy at 50%.
- **Drop-off and pick-up** procedures will be structured to limit the size of student groups. Parents will not be allowed to exit their car for drop off or pick up. PACS staff will assist in this procedure to limit exposure.
- **Athletics** teams and performing groups are on hold until cleared to participate by the government.

EXPOSURE: Following CDC guidelines, if a student or employee has tested positive for COVID-19, this **MUST** be reported to the school administrator who will work with state and local health authorities to determine the proper course of action. Students will be given work to complete from home during such an absence.

STUDENT SUPPORT: Students will be assessed at the start of the school year to determine where extra academic support and remediation are needed. **EVERY** student will receive a computer or tablet (lower grades) to use at home in case of another school shut down or hybrid learning environment.

SCHOOL CALENDAR/SCHEDULE: *Governor Ducey has postponed the start date of school until August 17, 2020.* Due to the ever-changing guidance from the Government, we are working hard to determine the best calendar and schedule that will meet the students' academic, social and emotional needs.

CONTINGENCY PLAN: In the event that school closure is required, students will participate in a complete digitally delivered curriculum. All students will be given a Google Classroom account at the start of the year, and parents will be asked to sign consent forms for Google Classroom and Google Meet. PACS can provide families access to necessary technology to participate in Google Classroom.

We are deeply grateful for you—all our families and staff—for all the resilience and resolve you have shown in recent months. We look forward to the new school year.

R. Elliott, Superintendent/Principal
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