August 12, 2020

Dear Colt Families,

Here’s hoping everyone is off to a great start of our 2020-2021 school year. As you know, the conditions surrounding the COVID-19 Pandemic are continually evolving, and we continue to plan a safe return to school for all of our students and staff. We will continue to update our Continuity of Operations Plan/Mitigation Plan on our website with continued improvements on our safety protocols. We will continue to receive guidance from local, state and national authorities.

We miss our students dearly and we would like to share some important information with you about the timeline for reopening of schools, mobile meal services, and the plan we have developed to comply with our Governor’s executive order to provide on-site support services starting August 17th.

**Timeline for Reopening Schools**
The Pima County Health Department (PCHD) in collaboration with the Arizona Department of Health Services have developed a set of metrics to determine when it is safe to return to school for in-person learning. On Monday, August 10th our Governing Board voted to return to in person learning on September 8, 2020 as an aspirational date. We will update you again prior to that date as we receive further guidance from PCHD regarding our County’s health data and our ability to safely return to in-person learning.

**Mobile Meals For Continental Student Only**
Starting Monday, August 17, families will be able to pick up mobile meals at the school and at the Villa Alamos bus stop. Parents and/or students may stop by a designated location Monday - Friday (excluding holidays) to receive a school lunch and a breakfast to go for the following morning any time between 11am–11:30am. For the free and reduced lunch application, or to prepay for meal service, visit our school website. Meals will be provided to Continental students who are currently enrolled. We are able to keep meal prices the same as last year for 2020-21 school year:

**Breakfast Prices:**
- Regular Price: K - 8th grade: $1.15
- Reduced Price: $0.30

**Lunch Prices:**
- Regular Price: K - 8th Grade: $2.30
- Reduced Price: $0.40
Governor’s Executive Order
On July 23, 2020, Governor Ducey issued an Executive Order which states, “each school district and charter school shall begin offering free on-site learning opportunities and support services for students who need a place to go during the day required by Executive order 2020-41 and shall begin August, 17, 2020, as prescribed in the Executive Order 2020-44”.

We recognize the importance of bringing students back for in-person support. However, on-site support starting August 17th is not teacher led instruction. We are offering a physical space where students will continue to be provided online instruction support by classified staff such as programmatic assistance, specialist teachers, and other support staff. There are health and safety guidelines along with staffing limitations that we must consider in order for us to provide the safest environment possible for all. For this reason, we are operating under the following guiding principles:

- **Student and staff safety**- Due to the current concerns regarding the spread of COVID-19 we will adhere to the CDC Guidelines and phase II of our COOP (Continuity of Operations Plan). This will allow us to implement our mitigation efforts in the classrooms. Our full mitigation plan can be found on our website.

- **Prioritization of students based on need and staffing capacity**- Since classrooms teachers are all occupied with providing online instruction during the day, we will be utilizing current classified and certified staff to provide supervision during on-site support. This means we will be limited to the amount of students that we can support at this time. Therefore, we have set up a prioritization process to ensure we have the space to accommodate.

Using the guiding principles stated above, beginning **August 17th**, the in-person support services will be prioritized as follows:

- **Priority 1**: K-8 families in need of internet access, self-contained Exceptional Education students whose IEP can only reasonably be implemented at a school site, mainstreamed Exceptional Education students to the extent that their IEP provides for related services that can only reasonably be implemented at a school site, students in Foster Care, and other students that face unique living/housing challenges, English Language Learners who are struggling to access the curriculum. If you have not been contacted by your service provider, please contact them or the administration to set up arrangements.

- **Priority 2**: a situation other than those referenced in Priority 1 (as capacity permits)

If you meet the criteria of **Priority 1**, please call us at (520)625-4581 to determine availability and space for your child’s unique needs. Please note that at this time we will not provide transportation to students; therefore, families will be responsible for transporting students to and from school. Students may not arrive prior to 8am and must be picked up at 3pm.

Thank you again for your continued patience, support and understanding as we navigate the current environment for our students, families and staff. Feel free to contact us at (520)625-4581 if you have any other questions.

Thank you again,

Roxana Rico
Superintendent