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Dear Navajo Buffalo Families,

I write to provide you with the most up-to-date information about our Granite Reef campus, and I am happy to say it's all good news!

The first of three phases of work to be done to return us to our home campus – that of completing the emergency clean-up and furniture decontamination at the school – wrapped up two weeks ago. I know that it seems like Phase 1 has taken a very long time, but the process of eliminating asbestos from all of the non-porous surfaces that could be saved from the August fire is slow and methodical. All of us want to be sure that the work be done properly so we can use those desks, tables and chairs again.

Phase 2 is the work of removing asbestos-contaminated building materials and doing a full decontamination of Buildings A (the front office), B (where the fire started) and C (classrooms). That means safely removing ceiling tiles, light fixtures, electrical conduits, HVAC ducts, carpeting, etc. Contractors have already submitted bids to the insurance company to perform this work. The insurance company will choose a contractor next week. The work is expected to begin almost immediately and is estimated to last through mid-February 2019.

Also during Phase 2, the District will consult with you – our Navajo community – school staff and me to get our thoughts on what the restored buildings should look like inside. Internal SUSD departments, such as IT, will also be asked what they need in order to restore and improve the Navajo office.

We should also learn during this time whether the District will update the school's mechanical and safety systems. District Facilities officials and the contractors the insurance company has already chosen to do Phase 3 of Navajo's restoration met with Scottsdale city officials yesterday to find out if there is additional work that must be undertaken to bring Navajo up to current building and safety codes.

Finally, Phase 3, the restoration itself, is expected to begin in mid-February 2019. Our superintendent, Dr. John Kriekard, has stated that he hopes to have us back on our Granite Reef campus by about this time next year!

Thank you for your patience – so far, and the rest of the way. I understand your frustrations. Just know that when you have driven by Navajo in recent weeks and it has appeared as if nothing is going on, a lot has been happening in areas not visible from the road. SUSD truly has our Navajo Buffalo spirit and is working very hard every day to get us home.

Thank you,

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