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Hello SUSD Employees:

Here is today's daily briefing from the Scottsdale Unified School District Office. Be sure to visit www.susd.org/COVID19 for all of the latest information.

Employee Health Status and Privacy

In this time of heightened concern, a lot of rumors are circulating. Please be reminded that all employees are entitled to respect, dignity, and privacy and we should not be discussing the health status of our colleagues, whether real or rumored.

Please know that we will continue to follow the rules and directives from the Maricopa County and State of Arizona Public Health Departments, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. For your information, you can find a summary of how the Public Health Department is responding to reports of COVID-19 infection, including notification of individuals determined to be at risk, here: <https://www.maricopa.gov/5490/How-is-Public-Health-Responding>

Foundation Grant Update

Thank you all for sending your applications for the Foundation Grant. At this time, the deadline for submission will be extended to April 3. Please contact Sheryl Rednor srednor@susd.org if you have any questions.

Closed Campuses

While schools are closed, many facilities are locked for safety purposes. Please do not jump fences for the safety and welfare of all.

SUSD in the News

There is plenty of ~good news~ out there in the community about our tremendous efforts to pivot during this time of change for all of us. District Governing Board, Cabinet Leadership, Principals, Teachers, Facilities, Nutrition Services, Transportation, Information Technology, Teaching and Learning, Humans Resources, Finance, Warehouse, Security, Communications and other essential staff continue to work tirelessly each day to keep the District's business of educating operational while campuses remain closed. Here is a recap of some of the latest positive news:

Mar 17: [SUSD News Release](#) Regarding Dr. Scott Menzel's Contract Approval

Mar 18: [Scottsdale Independent Story](#) Dr. Menzel Joining SUSD

Mar 20: [SUSD Issues News Release](#) on the expansion of the free meals

Mar 21: Fox 10 Phoenix Interview Segment Patti Bilbrey:

<https://www.fox10phoenix.com/video/665559>

Mar 22: Front Page of Scottsdale Progress: https://issuu.com/timespub/docs/sp_032220

Mar 22: TOP STORY (Pgs. 1, 11, 12) Scottsdale Progress:

https://www.scottsdale.org/city_news/susd-rises-to-confront-pandemic-challenges/article_f2dc32d6-6afd-11ea-8240-7305486fb6fc.html

Mar 22: Scottsdale Progress Article (Page 10): Dr. Scott Menzel Announcement:

https://issuu.com/timespub/docs/sp_032220

Mar 23: Scottsdale Independent: <https://www.yourvalley.net/scottsdale-independent/stories/scottsdale-schools-adds-more-meal-options-during-school-closures,148757>

Mar 24: Two Scottsdale Unified families were on AZ Family this morning (video clip not available at this time) that had great things to say about the transition to online learning.

If you are around a television be sure to check out Fox 10 <https://www.fox10phoenix.com/>. Two terrific SUSD teachers are giving remote media interviews.

- Kim Farr of Pima Traditional gave an online interview Mar 24 at 2:30 PM (to air tonight)
- Mia Itri from Chaparral High School will appear on the morning show Thursday, Mar 26

Thank you all for the efforts you are each making to navigate the current situation. We appreciate your flexibility and adjustments during this time.

Until next time,
Scottsdale Unified School District Cabinet