



**May 22, 2020**

Hello, Scottsdale Unified Employees!

Happy Memorial Day weekend! Thank you to our staff and community for a successful close to the 2019-2020 school year. In observance of Memorial Day, District offices and schools will be closed on Monday, May 25, 2020.

### **Graduation**

WOW... what amazing celebrations this week to honor our graduating seniors in the Class of 2020. If you missed any of the High School graduation virtual celebrations, please visit the District's graduation web page at [www.susd.org/Graduation](http://www.susd.org/Graduation). Each high school is continuing to explore and plan options for safe graduation celebrations later this summer, with adherence with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and State health guidelines.

### **Letter to the Class of 2020**

As part of the many ways in which the District is celebrating and supporting the Class of 2020, the Governing Board joined forces with Dr. Kriekard to send a letter to the Class of 2020. Below is an excerpt and you can read the letter in full at: <https://bit.ly/GB2Grads>

Dear Scottsdale Unified School District Class of 2020,

It is with extreme pride and excitement for your future that we write to congratulate you on your graduation! Your class has been through so much these past two months, and we are so proud of how strong and resilient you have been. Completing your high school career is a big step in your future and we hope you feel the strong support of your teachers, your Principal, your coaches, your friends, your family and your leaders as you mark this special occasion. We are so proud of your achievements.

### **Share Your Thoughts**

We want to hear from you! Please take a few moments to [fill out this survey](#). Your feedback will help us better understand how Scottsdale Unified School District can best serve your needs going forward. The survey includes inquiries about the successes and challenges of distance learning due to the COVID-19 school closures.

To date, we have received over 4,700 complete responses districtwide. The survey will remain open through May 28, 2020.

Individual responses to the survey will remain anonymous with Hanover Research, the company managing the surveying process for SUSD. They will only report data in the aggregate to the District.

## **Planning Ahead**

The District's Incident Command Team is continuing to meet to plan for summer and next school year. This planning includes developing details regarding the safe opening of the 2020-2021 school year. This team will continue to share more information as plans are solidified throughout the summer.

Responses from students, parents and employees [in this survey](#), along with work from several sub-committees comprised of stakeholders from parent, employee and leadership, along with State and Federal guidance, will help define outcomes and next steps for school and District operations. Sub-committee collaboration will focus on planning for reopening scenarios in the area of Academics, Social-Emotional Learning, and Operations. District leadership issued a survey to various stakeholder groups to elicit interest in participating in sub-committees. Leadership is in the process of reviewing the list of interested parties and making selections for sub-committee membership.

## **Field Trips**

**Please do not collect, pay, or promise to pay money for any future field trips at this time.** For your information, the CDC recently issued updated guidance to schools and stated that all field trips should be canceled. You can certainly submit a field trip request form and plan as needed but a reminder not to pay deposit or collect money.

Rentals: Please do not commit to any rentals of school or District facilities without first obtaining written approval from your Cabinet-level supervisor.

## **High School Summer School Update**

We are excited to inform SUSD families that online high school summer school this year is free of charge to all currently enrolled high school SUSD students, pending space in online courses. Due to concern for the safety of our students and staff during the Covid-19 pandemic, all summer school classes will occur online for June and July. If you have any questions, please contact Executive Director of Community Education, Debbie Ybarra, at [dybarra@susd.org](mailto:dybarra@susd.org). For more information, visit: [www.susd.org/SummerSchool](http://www.susd.org/SummerSchool).

## **Chromebooks and Hotspots**

Schools continue the recovery of some school equipment and supplies and the return of personal items. Principals will continue to communicate specific details to families regarding the recovery and return process.

In May, ***all school items*** (including technology) will be recovered from **graduating seniors, students not returning to SUSD** and families that do not want to keep school resources. **All other families who have district issued chrome books and hotspots may continue to use them through the summer.** In addition, schools will be collecting textbooks and athletic uniforms (if applicable). The return and pick up of personal items will be conducted following CDC guidelines and State orders. Items not recovered in May will be collected at the end of July or early August.

## **Evaluation Update**

As a reminder, the deadline for completion of evaluations for Certified staff has been extended to May 27, and for Classified and Administrative staff the new deadline is June 15.

### **Free Meals for Children**

Families in need will be able to receive free meals for children ages 1 – 18 through Wednesday, June 24. Each child will receive seven days' worth of breakfasts and lunches.

Free meals are available in a drive-up style service at the six SUSD school sites listed below for children ages 1 – 18 years every Wednesday from 8 – 10 a.m. through June 24. Adults can pick up seven breakfasts and seven lunches for each child at:

- Mohave Middle School, 8490 E. Jackrabbit Rd., Scottsdale
- Navajo Elementary Oak Campus, 7501 E. Oak St., Scottsdale
- Redfield Elementary School, 9181 E. Redfield Rd., Scottsdale
- Tavan Elementary, 4610 E. Osborn Rd., Phoenix
- Tonalea K-8, 6720 E. Continental Dr., Scottsdale
- Yavapai Elementary, 701 N. Miller Rd., Scottsdale

To ensure that we continue to have enough meals for children in need, we ask that patrons only come through the line one time. We appreciate your cooperation in making sure that our food supply gets to as many families as possible. For more information, please call Scottsdale Unified's Nutrition Services Department at 480-484-6234 and visit [www.susd.org/Meals](http://www.susd.org/Meals).

We also like to celebrate all of our employees who continue to report to their work site. This includes nutrition services, building services, security, warehouse, information technology, business services and bus drivers who have helped deliver meals and supplies.

### **Professional Development Update**

May 22 is a virtual site day. Teachers should work with their principals to determine expectations.

May 26 is a virtual professional development day, planned by the site. Teachers should work with their principals to determine expectations.

May 27 is a blended/hybrid professional development day; voluntary virtual PD will be available. It will be designed as a menu and teachers can select individual short modules of interest. Find the May 27 professional development menu in Admin Inbox and Teacher Talk. Otherwise, teachers will work with their principal.

### **Kids Club Update**

Community Education will be unable to host Kids Club Summer Camp at Hopi, Pima and Redfield Elementary as expected on May 26, 2020. Providing we can ensure the safety of students and staff, our goal is to open Kids Club Summer Camp on Monday, June 29, 2020 at the same locations.

Again, the Kids Club staff are so disappointed that we cannot provide summer camp in June, but will keep you informed of our progress on our goal of opening safely in July. Please contact Executive Director of Community Education, Debbie Ybarra, at [dybarra@susd.org](mailto:dybarra@susd.org).

Please see this flyer from the Boys & Girls Club as an alternative summer camp option: <https://bit.ly/BGCCamp>.

### **Stay Up-to-Date All Summer**

No matter where your summer plans take you, news from your school and the District Office is always just a click away. Sign up for our social media accounts listed and linked at [www.susd.org/Connect](http://www.susd.org/Connect) and view all of our District news at [www.susd.org/News](http://www.susd.org/News).

We have a variety of resources in our Support Services newsletters, along with other helpful tips on how you can support your student through eLearning, available at [www.susd.org/eLearning](http://www.susd.org/eLearning).

Thank you for all that you have done this school year to demonstrate resiliency and determination!

Scottsdale Unified School District Cabinet