



May 29, 2020

Hello, Scottsdale Unified Employees!

Welcome to summer break! We hope you are enjoying a wonderful, relaxing and healthy respite. Knowing that you have many questions and concerns about what the new normal will look like for school, athletics and activities – we are committed to keeping these briefings coming your way throughout the summer. As our planning takes a firmer shape, we will share with you more details. For this week, we want to confirm that in accordance with Governor Doug Ducey’s announcement, Scottsdale Unified School District (SUSD) will be open for educating with our first day of school August 10.

The details of what educational options we will have available is taking shape right now through a series of collaborative sub-committees working hard on these plans. Read more about these efforts below...

A Proactive Plan: Your ICS Team at Work

Since February 2020, The District’s Incident Command System (ICS) Team has continued to work to help protect students, families, employees and the District from the impact of COVID-19. We follow the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s (FEMA) four stages of emergency management including prevention (mitigation), preparedness, response and recovery. Current planning is underway for summer activities and the safe opening of the 2020 - 2021 school year. We will continue to communicate as plans are solidified throughout the summer. A recent survey along with continuous sub-committee work including multiple stakeholders, along with State and Federal guidance, will continue to define outcomes and next steps.

On Thursday, May 28, 2020, Arizona Governor Doug Ducey stated that [Arizona schools may reopen at start of the school year](#), but further details about how that looks for teachers and students will not be available until Monday, June 1, 2020. While we await the guidance and recommendation, SUSD continues to plan for multiple options. We have prioritized:

- **Gathering feedback from our stakeholders** to better understand how SUSD can best serve our community. Survey results will inform district leadership about the successes and challenges of distance learning due to the COVID-19 school closures as well as future needs so we can best serve our school community.
- **Sub-Committee collaboration from all stakeholders groups** with a focus on Teaching and Learning, Social and Emotional, and Operations and Logistics.

With the Governor's recent announcement combined with our ongoing planning on obtaining Personnel Protective Equipment (PPE) along with the establishment of protocols, we are exploring opening high school athletics and Kids Club opportunities prior to the previously slated date of June 29, 2020. SUSD is committed to the safety and welfare of our students, staff and community and does not want to compromise or jeopardize doing our part to slow the spread. Safety of staff and students remains our priority with tentative plans to open up on Monday, June 15, 2020, adhering to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), State and public health guidance.

High school athletic camps have the option to begin on June 15, 2020. SUSD is implementing aggressive protective measures to ensure that all participants will have a safe environment. Those steps include: electrostatic spraying of weight rooms, sanitization of equipment, training for coaches and athletes as well as strict social distancing requirements. Instructions on how and when to register will be forthcoming from camp sites and all participants will be required to bring a signed waiver to the camp on the first day of the camp.

Please direct high school athletic camp questions to Nathan Slater, District Athletic Director, or the respective high school athletic director:

- Arcadia: Rudy Alavardo ralvardo@susd.org
- Chaparral: Dan Bode dbode@susd.org
- Coronado: Tony Miller amiller@susd.org
- Desert Mountain: Stephen Cervantez scervantez@susd.org
- Saguaro: Brandon Johnston bjohnston@susd.org

Current Kids Club Summer Camp locations include Hopi, Pima and Redfield Elementary schools. For questions about Kids Club Summer Camp, please contact Executive Director of Community Education, Debbie Ybarra, at dybarra@susd.org

Return to Work:

SUSD will be providing Return to Work guidance to all 12-month employees following a cabinet meeting on Monday, June 1, 2020. You will receive updated information as it becomes available in the upcoming week. Under supervisor discretion, when you return to the workplace, please adhere to the **Return to Work Guidelines attached**. Continue to follow the **COVID 19 Procedures for Employees attached**, released in early April, for absence reporting procedures until additional guidance becomes available. Please continue to remain available to work during typical work hours and check your district email for the most recent information.

Evaluation Update

As a reminder, the deadline for completion of evaluations for Classified and Administrative staff is June 15.

Free Meals for Children

This week, SUSD Nutrition Services provided 23,310 meals to local families. These free meals are available to families in need for their children ages 1 – 18 in a drive-up style service at the six SUSD school sites listed below 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.

FREE Summer School for SUSD High School Students

Scottsdale Unified is offering FREE online summer school for all currently enrolled high school students. Class sizes are limited, so the FREE classes are available on a first come first serve basis until classes fill up. All summer school classes will occur online for June and July. Please contact Executive Director of Community Education, Debbie Ybarra at dybarra@susd.org with questions. For more information, visit: www.susd.org/SummerSchool.

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 and view all of our District news at 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.

In appreciation of your support,

Scottsdale Unified School District Cabinet