



April 17, 2020

Hello, Scottsdale Unified Employees!

We are at the close of another successful week of online learning. Thank you for all you are doing in your role to help support our core purpose and mission to educate students. Here is what we have for your weekly briefing:

Graduation Update

As a reminder, the Student Advisory Board has sought feedback from the high school graduating Class of 2020 on alternatives to graduation activities. We are studying the results of that senior survey. While we are currently reviewing graduation ceremony options, no final decisions will be made about the look and feel of Class of 2020 graduation ceremonies until after Governor Ducey provides new guidance for the state of Arizona.

Honoring the Class of 2020

If you happen to be near any one of our five high schools (addresses listed at www.susd.org/Schools), on a Thursday night, look up! In a show of support to the Class of 2020, all five Scottsdale Unified high schools are offering a symbolic tribute by lighting up the football field on each campus on Thursdays at 20:20 (8:20 p.m.) for 20 minutes. We hope this gesture reminds the brave young graduates that we support them!

Field Trips for the 2020-2021 School Year

Please do not collect any funds from families, and do not agree to pay deposits to vendors at this time. We are continuing to try to collect and distribute refunds for the trips that were cancelled in the current school year, and we cannot commit additional funds at this time.

You may continue to document everything else for any field trips planned for the 2020 - 2021 school year (e.g., Principal approval; legal review and approval of contracts and insurance certificates; confirming chaperones, etc.). For your information, the District's General Counsel will request that vendors agree to add terms allowing the District to cancel and receive refunds if such cancellations are due to Covid-19.

Meals for Students

Wednesday April 15 marked the first weekly meal distribution from the Scottsdale Unified School District Nutrition Services Department. The Fox 10 KSAZ morning show team was on site to capture [this video](#) as the District saw an unprecedented level of need in the community. We distributed a grand total of 17,771 meals in one day to local children. The District will continue to distribute meals weekly on Wednesdays from 9 – 11 a.m. for children ages 1 – 18 years. This drive-up service allows adults to pick up five breakfasts and five lunches for each child at these locations:

- 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

For more information, please call Scottsdale Unified's Nutrition Services Department at 480-484-6234 and visit www.susd.org/Meals.

Student Devices

Although the student device distribution events have come to a conclusion, we wanted to report to you the results of our efforts at multiple events. Since March 6, 2020, Scottsdale Unified has checked out 3,205 Chromebooks and 593 Wi-Fi hotspots to our students and their families. [Back on March 23, Fox10 KSAZ provided news coverage](#) of one of these technology distribution events that took place at Navajo Elementary.

As we continue to comply with the Governor's Executive Orders and public health guidance, we wanted to remind you of some important health-related information.

Employee Benefits Open Enrollment

Benefits Open Enrollment for eligible employees begins on Monday, April 27, 2020 for the 2020 - 2021 plan year effective 7/1/2020 - 6/30/2021.

- The deadline for eligible employees to enroll in benefits for the 2020 – 2021 plan year is Friday, May 15, 2020.
- Current Benefits will terminate on 6/30/2020 and WILL NOT automatically renew or rollover for the 2020 - 2021 plan year.
- To access open enrollment, visit www.susd.org/Employees to log into Single Sign On. Select iVisions > Benefits > HR Benefits Enrollment
- Information for the 2020 - 2021 plan year is located in on the I:\ drive at I:\Benefits\2020-2021 Benefits Enrollment Information. If you access these documents through Single Sign On, right click and download to view the documents.

For issues and questions, contact Benefits@susd.org or call 480-484-6104.

Blue Cross Blue Shield Nurse Line

Registered nurses are available through Blue Cross Blue Shield's Nurse Line 24/7 to covered (benefitted) employees at 866-422-2729.

Registered Nurse Triage Line

The Trust/Alliance is now offering its Registered Nurse Triage Line to ALL District employees (whether you subscribe to SUSD benefits or not) for injuries or illnesses that are not related to COVID-19. To speak with a registered nurse for advice on injuries and non- COVID-19 illnesses, call 602-845-6373, Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. The Trust's registered nurses can provide telephonic medical advice - but not prescriptions - for District employees and their partners (not including children).

COVID-19 Illness

If you should become sick with COVID-19 or think you may have COVID-19, please follow the [recommendations](#) from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (www.cdc.gov) for preventing transmission and call your medical provider.

Thank you,

Scottsdale Unified School District Cabinet