



May 8, 2020

Hello, Scottsdale Unified Employees!

As this week comes to a close, we would like to take a moment to recognize the teachers of the Scottsdale Unified School District. We see the hard work, extra effort and long hours teachers are putting in for students. We appreciate teachers' selfless choice of a career to help shape the future of America by giving our children a strong educational foundation. To all of our teachers - we want to say thank you for all that you do every single day to put student needs first.

Planning for Summer & Next School Year: Survey Coming Next Week

We continue to plan for different possible scenarios this summer and next school year. We look forward to the State Superintendent's guidance, expected at the end of May, on re-opening our schools.

To better understand how Scottsdale Unified School District can best serve you, we are continuing to gather feedback from students, families, and staff members. In our effort to provide an efficient and effective education, we will be issuing a survey to help us assess online instruction. We hope that you will take time to share your thoughts with us so we can incorporate your views into our planning.

The survey will include opportunities for you to share your experience and views on the successes and challenges of distance learning due to the COVID-19 school closures. Notification of this survey and a link will be sent early next week. Your responses will help us understand students' needs so we can best serve you in the future.

Teaching and Learning (K-12)

As we approach the last two weeks of school, we are committed to ensuring students stay engaged with their teachers and classmates. The last two weeks are intended to review standards, assess (as needed) and provide time for students to complete and submit pending work.

May 13 is a virtual professional development half-day for the teachers. Teachers will be participating in online professional development. Student instruction will be on a half-day schedule.

Equipment Drop-Off & Personal Item Pick-Up

Schools are planning for the recovery of some school equipment and supplies, textbooks and athletic uniforms (if applicable). Schools will also provide an opportunity for students and families to receive any personal items they may have left on campus. Principals will communicate specific details to families regarding the recovery and return process. 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.

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 Chromebooks and Wi-Fi hotspots may continue to use them through the summer.

Reminder to Enroll in Benefits

- The **DEADLINE** to enroll for SUSD Insurance Benefits for the 20/21 plan year is **Friday, May 15, 2020.**
- You **MUST** enroll to be covered by SUSD insurance benefits for the 2020-21 Plan Year.
- Benefits for the new plan year are effective 7/1/20-6/30/21.
- Current Benefits will terminate on 6/30/20 and **WILL NOT** automatically renew or roll over for the 2020/21 plan year.

To access Open Enrollment: Go to Single Sign-on, Divisions, Benefits, HR Benefits Enrollment Plan information for the 2020-21 Plan Year is located in Single Sign-on in the idrive/Benefits Folder/2020-21 Open Enrollment information. You will need to right click and download to view documents.

If you do not have a computer to complete benefits Open Enrollment, please contact the Benefits Department **NOW** and a paper application will be sent to you. Benefits@susd.org or 480-484-6104.

Evaluation Update

We received guidance from the Arizona Department of Education and met with teachers and administrators to get input, then presented a proposal with revisions to the Governing Board during the regularly scheduled Governing Board meeting on Tuesday, May 5. The Board approved the proposal and, on May 6, 2020, we sent out updates and instructions to all employee groups through the employee newsletters.

NEW TIME! Meals for Students

On May 6, SUSD's Nutrition Services Department served 19,740 meals in one day to local children.

The next free meal distribution will be at a new time. Starting Wednesday, May 13, the weekly Wednesday meals distribution will shift to 8 – 10 am due to the heat.

Free meals are available in a drive-up style service at the six sites listed below for children ages 1 – 18 years every Wednesday from 8 – 10 am until further notice. Adults can pick up five breakfasts and five lunches for each child.

- 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.

Thank You, SUSD On-Site Employees

We also like to celebrate all of our employees who continue to report to their work site. This includes, without limitation, nutritional services, building services, security, business services, and bus drivers who have helped deliver meals.

Professional Development Update

May 13 is a virtual professional development half day planned by the site. Teachers should work with their principals to determine expectations.

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 their interest. Otherwise, teachers will work with their principal.

Additional details will be shared in the upcoming weeks through the Admin Inbox and Teacher Talk weekly employee email newsletters.

Stay Up-to-Date

Be sure to stay up-to-date with schools and the District through our social media accounts that are all listed and linked at www.susd.org/Connect and view all of our District news at www.susd.org/News.

One final reminder - we have a variety of resources in our Support Services newsletters, along with other helpful tips on how to support students and families through eLearning, available at www.susd.org/eLearning.

Thank you and Happy Mother's Day to all of the amazing women who are serving as a mother in the lives of children!

Scottsdale Unified School District Cabinet