



Dear PVSchools Families:

With the increased concern about the spike in COVID-19 cases being reported across the state, I am sure that plans for reopening of school are foremost on many families' minds. The health, safety, and well-being of our students, staff, and PVSchools community is of the utmost importance to us.

Over the last several weeks, with input from stakeholders and content area experts, and based upon established recommendations from the CDC and other leading experts, we have been working diligently to develop our PVSchools Reopening of Schools Plan. I am pleased to share we are bringing forward the plan for discussion at our upcoming June 25 Governing Board meeting and will be communicating in our regular Wednesday update to families on July 1 so that you all know what to expect this August.

Additionally, we are currently working at our online school, PVOnline, to extend down to lower grade levels to allow for families who are not comfortable with returning to a face-to-face setting to continue learning and stay connected with a real teacher. This includes a traditional, K-12 online model, so students can work at their own pace on their own schedule. We will also be offering a K-8 blended model which will also be online, but will include direct instruction online via videoconferencing. Students will follow more of a schedule and will work with their teacher daily online. We will include more information about these options in our July 1 communication to families and will be following up in a subsequent communication the next week to elicit interest for those interested in signing up for those options.

As you may recall, in our recent survey to families, for hybrid schedule options, such as alternating days or AM/PM classes, we included the language "if permissible." A challenge we are finding with implementing alternative/hybrid schedules is that our state funding formula is not set up to accommodate anything other than full face-to-face instruction or fully online instruction. There is not a methodology in state regulation and statute that allows for alternative/hybrid schedules. For online learning, students are only funded at a baseline amount of 85%-95%. This would result in a massive reduction in the level of service we provide students and families. While we have expressed these concerns to state officials who might be able to make changes, it does not appear at this time that there is interest in taking up the charge.

Here are a few additional updates I would like to share with you:

- We are encouraging students to stay engaged this summer and continue their learning. Google Classrooms will be available for students to join and get access to educational resources that reinforce content, skills, and learning from the previous school year, as well as allowing students to explore new resources and interests. Google Classroom class codes and more information can be found in this flyer (English or Spanish). Students must log in with their pvlerners email account to access the classroom. Weekly content will be posted from now through July 24.
- Maricopa County Department of Public Health will be offering free back to school immunizations at Greenway Middle School on Monday, July 20, and Saturday, July 25. More details including times, health and safety practices, and required documents are listed in this flyer (English or Spanish).
- This year we extended our meal distribution to provide additional help for families. Our last day for meal distribution will be Thursday, June 25. This will allow for us to begin meal service for our summer school programs. If you or a family you know is in need of food assistance, please visit www.azhealthzone.org/summerfood to find the closest sites offering meals.
- We will be hosting a virtual Job Fair on Thursday, July 9 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Candidates can apply and will be interviewed for our hard to fill ESP (support) positions such as after-school associates, bus drivers, bus aides, crossing guards, paraeducators, preschool associates and much more. Detailed information is available at www.pvschools.net/jobfair.

I hope each of you are continuing to stay safe, healthy, and are enjoying summer break. Our next scheduled update is set for Wednesday, July 1.

Sincerely,

Jesse Welsh, Ed.D.