



June 3, 2020

Dear PVSchools Families:

Like many of you, I have been reading and watching as events unfold around the world. As a society, we continue to grapple with conversations surrounding justice, inequity, and nonviolent and violent protests and acts. In PVSchools, we believe our diversity as a district is a strength, and value all of our students, families, and staff. I look forward to continuing our productive conversations and activities that strengthen our community for everyone.

While the 2019-2020 school year is just ending, I know that reopening of school for 2020-2021 is at the top of everyone's mind. We are working to develop plans to ensure the safety of students and staff for return to school in August, and are also planning for contingency scenarios, such as delaying opening due to a spike in cases, or moving instruction online at a school(s) based on the need to do so. It is certainly my hope that, barring events beyond our control, we are able to open much as planned, with additional safety measures in place to ensure the health and safety of students and staff. We anticipate getting details out to you by mid- to late- June regarding our plans for the upcoming school year.

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

- On Monday, the Arizona Department of Education (ADE) released [Arizona's Roadmap for Reopening Schools](#). The document provides guidance for how districts can approach the upcoming school year. Our Superintendent's Committee on Re-Opening (SCoRe), consisting of parents, support staff, teachers, principals, and administrators is currently working on recommendations for reopening and will be incorporating recommendations from ADE, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), and other leading entities and sources. We have not yet settled on specifics in terms of things like schedule, masks, desk arrangements, and lunch/recess, etc. but those are elements are being discussed.
- I would like to thank all of our families who participated in our survey. We had more than 10,000 responses submitted, representing more than 16,000 students. Your feedback from our survey is also being used to help inform our decisions on reopening. Here are a few highlights from the survey that you might be interested in:
  - 71.8% of families indicated they support (strongly agree or agree) reopening on August 5 as originally planned, with increased measures in place, with the majority (51.3%) strongly in agreement.
  - Parents/guardians reported anticipating needing support for their child with stress or anxiety (30.3%), maintaining focus/concentration (47.8%), or social isolation/loneliness (35.1%) for the upcoming school year.



- If schools need to close at some point during the 2020-2021 school year, a majority (52.8%) of parents expect their child to spend 3-4 hours engaged in learning and on assignments daily.
  
- Face-to-face summer school programs are scheduled to resume in July. Availability will be limited and increased health and safety precautions will be implemented. More information and details will be posted by the end of next week on Community Education's webpage at [www.pvschools.net/community-education/summer-programs](http://www.pvschools.net/community-education/summer-programs).

I hope each of you continue to stay safe, healthy, and have the opportunity to enjoy summer. Our next scheduled update is set for Wednesday, June 17.

Sincerely,

Jesse Welsh, Ed.D.  
Superintendent