



July 1, 2020

Dear PVSchools Families:

While we had originally planned to share our comprehensive reopening plan, *PVSchools Prepared*, with you today, so much has changed within the last few days that forces us to update those plans.

As you know, Governor Ducey announced on Monday the start of in-person schooling would be delayed until at least August 17, indicating this is a “target date” and is still subject to change. Though in-person learning is not permitted statewide before August 17, the Governor’s [executive order](#) allowed schools to begin classes earlier via distance learning should they choose.

We believe that it is important that learning begins for students and that families have stability and clarity regarding the upcoming school year. We also believe that our students need and deserve a full academic year. Citing these factors, last night the Governing Board voted unanimously to begin classes online on our regularly scheduled first day, Wednesday, August 5, and to commit to remaining online through Labor Day weekend, Friday, September 4. We will be following the *PVConnect* model for real-time, online instruction. This will allow for a smooth transition to face-to-face learning without disruption or changes to staffing or student schedules once in-person learning is permitted to resume. We recognize that circumstances, guidance, and directives related to COVID-19 may continue to evolve, and we will continue to adapt our plan to respond to those changes.

*PVConnect*, the online learning model being utilized for this fall, will be very different from the distance learning that occurred during the fourth quarter of last year. Students will follow a schedule with real-time virtual instruction throughout the day, with opportunities for small group assistance and independent work. Attendance will be taken during the required online meeting times, and grading will be completed. We will provide more details about *PVConnect* next week on Wednesday, July 8, as well as plans for computer device distribution, Internet access, meal distribution, and social-emotional support. We will also include more information for our families with students in specialized programs such as Special Education, English Language Learners, Gifted, and Fine Arts, just to name a few.

With the Governor’s announcement, our Title I Summer School transitioned to an online format. We will open our meal distribution sites on Monday, July 6, in order to help support those students and families. Please visit the district website, [www.pvschools.net/covid19](http://www.pvschools.net/covid19), for details regarding locations and times for meal pickup.

To ensure we are providing the information needed to help answer your questions for the 2020-2021 school year, we will be sending consistent weekly updates on Wednesdays.

I hope each of you are continuing to stay safe and healthy. Thank you again for your patience and support as we collectively navigate through the pandemic.

Sincerely,

Jesse Welsh, Ed.D.  
Superintendent