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Dear Parents/Guardians:

After careful and deliberate consideration and having the best health interests of our students, staff and community in mind, the Tolleson Union High School District has made the decision to cancel school for the next two weeks, effective Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup> and extending through Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup>. TUHSD is also suspending all school activities, practices and competitions until further notice. This decision is based on the recommendation from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for staying home for 14 days after travel to areas of high COVID-19 exposure.

While there are no confirmed cases of the COVID-19 virus in our District, this decision was made for the following reasons:

- Following the recent Spring Break holiday, TUHSD cannot be completely certain about where its staff and students have traveled to during this time period. We have made this decision in order to limit all person-to-person interaction at our schools. This allows for a period of time for individuals to determine if they show any symptoms of being sick or contagious.
- This also gives our schools and district an opportunity to receive cleaning supplies that were ordered several weeks ago to disinfect our classrooms and buildings properly. This provides the best opportunity to truly affect disinfecting our facilities and provide the best opportunity to mitigate the spread of germs and viruses.
- During this trying time for our state and nation, we must make every effort to limit exposure to all students and their family members to anyone who may be infected, including those students that are medically fragile and family members with underlying health concerns.
- Closing down our schools for a period of two weeks provides us with an opportunity to evaluate the spread of the COVID-19 virus, giving us an opportunity to receive advice, information and recommendations from the Maricopa County Public Health Department, the State of Arizona and the Centers for Disease Control at the national level.

Students will continue to communicate with their teachers and remain academically engaged during the two week closure through the Learning Management System, Edgenuity. Specific information regarding online instruction will be sent to students.

As we get closer to the March 27<sup>th</sup> date, we will again communicate with our parents to let them know of our plans with regards to schools opening once again.

Thank you for your patience and understanding during this unprecedented situation in our nation's history. Understand that this decision is being made strictly for the safety and health of our students, staff, and their entire families.

For more information and helpful resource links on the COVID-19 Coronavirus, please go to [www.tuhsd.org](http://www.tuhsd.org) and click on the "COVID-19 Coronavirus" tab.

Thank you.

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