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Dear TUHSD Parents/Guardians,

I would like to confirm that the first day of school at TUHSD for the 2020-2021 school year will remain on Tuesday, August 4, 2020, as posted on our District Calendar. All students will begin the school year online, until at least August 17.

Governor Ducey announced on Monday, June 29, 2020 that Arizona schools will delay reopening of in-person classes this year until at least August 17 because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Our plans to reopen schools included three learning model options that were TENTATIVE and subject to change due to federal, state, and local guidelines to ensure the health and safety of our students, staff, and their families.

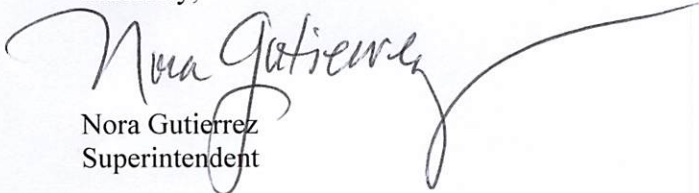
Students that selected the In-Person on Campus model will begin the year online under the Flexible Streamed Instruction model, as noted on the district website. We will reevaluate the option for In-Person on Campus learning as we get closer to August 17. When we created our learning model options, we made sure that they would be flexible and allow students to transition smoothly from In-Person on Campus learning to Flexible Streamed instruction online. We want to ensure that students are back to learning from our highly qualified teachers as soon as possible. Keeping the opening day of school on August 4th allows our students to learn and our teachers to teach.

The Tolleson Virtual High School online model will begin on Tuesday, August 4, 2020. Students will remain on TVHS for the entire semester. The ability to transition from TVHS to In-Person on Campus learning can occur at semester breaks, after consultation with and approval from a Counselor.

We continue to look at COVID-19 data and follow guidelines from the CDC and Maricopa County Health Department. Due to the ever-changing COVID-19 situation, the date to resume In-Person on Campus learning after August 17th is TENTATIVE and subject to change due to federal, state, and local guidelines to ensure the health and safety of our students, staff, and their families.

We look forward to reopening our schools safely with a focus on student academic achievement for the 2020-2021 school year.

Sincerely,



Nora Gutierrez
Superintendent