



March 12, 2021

Re: Opening for In-Person Learning

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students:

Pursuant to Executive Order 2021-04, which was issued by the Arizona Governor on March 3, 2021, all school districts in Arizona are required to offer students in-person learning by March 15, or the Monday after Spring Break. This Executive Order has come suddenly and without prior notice, therefore the District is acting urgently to notify you and to fulfill the requirements in the Executive Order.

The difficulty for the Kayenta USD is the interpretation and application of which status to use for reopening. (1) The Kayenta Service Unit, Kayenta Health Center is Yellow – Minimal to Moderate Community Spread. (2) The Navajo Nation Public Health Order 2021-005 has declared “Orange Status” for Businesses. Orange status is Substantial Community Spread Risk High. (3) Navajo Nation Public Health Order 2021-006 Rescinding the Stay at Home (Shelter in Place) Order and Implementing the “Safer at Home” order.

*[Low Level and Moderate Level Transmission] According to the Executive Order, beginning on March 22, 2021, all schools in the District are required to be open with in-person instruction. **Virtual instruction options will remain available for any students whose parents/guardians so choose.** To help the District plan and prepare its re-opening strategy, please notify the schools as soon as possible as to whether your student will attend virtual instruction or in-person instruction.*

*[Substantial Level Transmission] According to the Executive Order, beginning on March 22, 2021, all schools in the District are required to be open with in-person instruction. **Virtual instruction options will remain available for any students whose parents/guardians so choose.** Middle and high schools may reduce attendance to increase physical distancing. To help the District plan and prepare its re-opening strategy, please notify the schools as soon as possible as to whether your student will attend virtual instruction or in-person instruction.*

The short and unexpected timeline for re-opening presents a difficult challenge for the District. Nevertheless, we are doing everything in our power to meet the requirements. The District will continue to provide information to you as quickly as possible as the re-opening plan develops.

Sincerely,

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Lemual Adson, Superintendent KUSD 27