



Show Low Unified School District#10

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Dear Parents,

The information surrounding the COVID-19 virus and school closures as a part of social distancing is ever changing as we have seen changes announced hourly. I anticipate the information to continue to change as we move through next week. While a few schools around the state have chosen to close for a time, it continues to be the recommendation of the Arizona Department of Health Services to keep schools open. The decision to close school will happen by one of the following actions:

1. The **Governor** declares a State of Emergency and **State & County Health Departments** provide direction to counties and schools to close in order to mitigate potential damage of an epidemic;
2. **County Health Departments** provide direction to some or all schools to close based on data/evidence in their county;
3. **School District** choose to close one or more of their schools under A.R.S. § 15-806 B.

With the onset of spring break it will be important that each of us stay attuned to information as it evolves. Please note we will publish updates as needed through social media and our district website as well as our KSwift program.

We have currently enacted our school district emergency plan and have set in motion plans to ensure continuity of services should schools have to be closed. Plans are in place to ensure the continuation of critical district functions and operations, such as payroll, public relations, food services, technology, and facility support, even during a districtwide closure. We have also set in motion plans to ensure continuity of educational services for our students. We will maintain the following priorities in planning and implementation should a prolonged closure be necessary.

1. **Seniors:** We will ensure all seniors that would have qualified for graduation will have the opportunity to earn the credits necessary to graduate in May.
2. **All other students in credit bearing classes:** These are students in 9-11 grade including those Early College, Dual Enrollment, Concurrent Enrollment and NAVIT students.
3. **Students in Grades K-8:** In accordance with state guidance these students must meet the required hours in a school year.

The administrative team has been working on a plan to provide instruction utilizing technology and resources currently available to us throughout the district. We anticipate we can meet priority one within

the first week of a closure with the others to follow in order of priority. To the extent possible all teaching staff will be engaged in meeting the needs of our students.

At this time sports and related activities will move forward as scheduled until such time schools are mandated to close. In this instance, all games and school activities will be canceled. I will keep in close contact with Darcy Helle and David Nikolaus throughout the break to ensure lines of communication are open. For the moment, there are no anticipated changes to any games or activities.

As a final reminder, it is anticipated that many of you will travel or participate in activities during your spring break. I hope you find time to unwind and relax. Please note a few reminders upon your return to work.

1. If you are experiencing any signs or symptoms of an illness including but not limited to fever and respiratory issues (shortness of breath or cough). Please do not attend school. These may exhibit themselves 2-14 days after exposure.
2. If you believe you have been exposed to COVID-19 please notify your child's school and seek the advice of a medical professional.
3. Communication is the key... keep your school informed. It is important for all of us to do our part in curbing the spread of this virus. By communicating we can ensure the needs of all individuals.

I am in constant communication with the County and State Health Departments as well as other superintendents from around the region. I will do my best to ensure information is kept up to date concerning our district's response to COVID-19. You can also find up to date information by going to cdc.gov, <https://www.navajocountyaz.gov/Departments/Public-Health-Services>

Best Regards,

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