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"SELIGMAN SCHOOLS: Open for Great Teaching and Learning!"

July 30, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians of Seligman School students,

I want to keep parents and students updated on the latest information about the reopening of school using distance learning. We are providing you the following information in accordance with Governor Ducey's Executive Order 2020-51 issued on July 23, 2020.

<https://azgovernor.gov/executive-orders>

Please carefully read the following information below regarding the 2020-21 School Year.

Distance Learning Plan: Our Distance Learning Plan can be found on the District's website, available at seligmanschools.org.

Mitigation Plan: Our mitigation plan to address measures to combat the spread of COVID-19 will soon be found on the District's website, available at seligmanschools.org. We are expecting further guidance by the Arizona Health Department no later than August 7, they are expected to issue the necessary benchmarks to reopen schools.

School Calendar

Distance learning will begin on August 3, 2020. Attached to this notice is a current copy of the District's school calendar for the 2020-21 School Year. It is also available on the district website.

Pending guidance from the Arizona Department of Health Services, we will set a projected date to begin in-person, teacher-led classroom instruction as soon as school is allowed to be open for students to return. We will notify parents of a projected date as soon as that date is determined.

Attendance Requirements

Your child will need to participate in the District's distance learning in order to be counted as present and attending. The District's distance learning plan requires the following minimum level of contact:

- Communication with their teachers via Google Classroom, Google Meet, telephone or other digital means daily Monday through Thursday. Once a day with K-5
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- Daily assignments completed or submitted by the student

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Please note that state law (A.R.S. § 15-802) requires as follows:

- Every child between six and sixteen years of age must attend a school and be provided instruction in at least the subjects of reading, grammar, mathematics, social studies and science.
- The child's parent or guardian must enroll the child in a school and ensure that the child attends the school for the full time that school is in session. Our District is currently anticipating conducting 144-days of instruction during the 2020-21 school year (see attached school calendar).
- Certain exceptions apply to these attendance requirements, such as medical necessity. If you believe your child qualifies for such an exception, please contact your local school's attendance clerk.

Free On-Site Learning Opportunities and Support Services

Beginning on August 17, 2020, schools will begin offering free on-site learning opportunities and support services for students who need a place to go during the school day. **At this time we are awaiting guidance from the Arizona Department of Education on what will be the criteria for student selection to attend.**

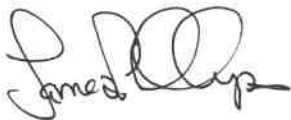
- Please be advised that free on-site learning opportunities and support services **are not** teacher-led classroom instruction. However, free on-site learning opportunities and support services will include in-person support services such as student supervision and strategic support for students in need during standard school hours, and may include teacher-led or paraprofessional support for students engaging in distance learning instruction.
- If you believe your child needs a place to go during the day, please contact James Phillips at 928-216-4123 or jphillips@seligman.k12.az.us to discuss whether your child qualifies for this service. The Arizona Department of Education currently describes this service as a "safe learning space for students who are at-risk, in special education programs or who are the students of essential workers."
- Please be advised that free on-site learning opportunities and support services may be suspended or terminated if the District or the Arizona Department of Health Services advises closing the premises for public health reasons or in the best interests of the staff and students.

The details of these services may be modified based on additional guidance from ADE. Updates will be posted on the District website.

If you have any questions or concerns about the information in this letter, or if you need additional assistance, please contact me at the number or email you see above. The information contained in this letter may change as the situation changes, and in accordance with any applicable law, regulation, and order or Governing Board policy. ***Please continue to regularly review our website for important updates.***

Sincerely yours,

James Phillips, Superintendent



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