

June 27, 2020

Dear Parent / Guardian of a Pima Schools Student:

I am writing to share some information about the steps Pima Schools will be taking to keep students safe during the ongoing global pandemic while also ensuring they receive a high quality education. On Wednesday, May 11, 2020 students and staff left for the day with no idea it had been the last day of school for the 2019-2020 school year. During the school shut down we worked hard to help students continue to be successful, but it was hard on everybody.

Our goal for the 2020-2021 school year is to ensure things go better. Whenever I've talked to parents and teachers they emphasize the importance of ensuring our students have the opportunity to come to school and learn in classrooms with excellent teachers as much as possible. We are hopeful this school year will not experience a harsh disruption like what happened last year. If it does we are better prepared.

We are putting some adjustments in place to help keep students and staff safe. These adjustments are outlined in the attached documents. More information can be found at our website, [www.pimaschools.org](http://www.pimaschools.org) , or you are welcome to contact your child's school. The attached copy of the memo sent to the school board outlines the process we are undertaking to develop our response.

The final step in the process is gathering input from you. Please review the attached information and the materials on the district website. You will be sent a survey tomorrow asking for your thoughts on the material. The survey will also ask if you would be interested in participating in a parent forum on the Reopening Plan. If you are interested, information about the forum will be sent to you. We are awaiting responses to the survey to determine if we need to schedule multiple parent meetings.

Thank you for your patience with us as we work through this process. The surprises began on March 12 when school was closed and have continued ever since. We are doing our best to ensure we continue to provide a quality education for all students in a safe and nurturing environment, in partnership with parents and our community. Your assistance is much appreciated.

Stay Safe,

***Mr. Sean E. Rickert***

Superintendent

Pima Unified School District