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Satori School Summer Update ~ June 3, 2020

Dear Satori Students and Families,

I hope you are getting settled into a summer routine and staying safe and healthy! The reopening roadmap from the State of Arizona has been given to us and we are diligently working on our plan.

Considering that many families have called and emailed asking what we are doing to make sure our students are safe, I felt it was important to let you know what we have been working on and thinking through. First and foremost, we can absolutely keep students safe, but we cannot entirely eliminate the risk. We can, however, decrease the risk with protective measures. Our current goal is to open in August unless the State says otherwise. I will be sending out a short survey early next week to see where families and staff are regarding on-campus activities.

Here are the things we know about opening right now:

- We will continue to promote healthy hygiene practices such as hand washing before entering the building and often throughout the day. This has been standard practice at Satori for years, although it will be more frequent now.
- We will be sanitizing with State approved chemicals at designated times throughout the day and when the need arises.
- We will have hand sanitizer outside of each classroom for everyone to use as needed.
- During the summer, teachers will be removing unnecessary items from the classrooms to allow additional space for students to maintain a safe distance. We are also performing building maintenance that will help to ensure a smooth transition back to school.

Here is what we are currently working through:

- Sanitization routines that, while very necessary, keep students and staff safe.
- Our class sizes are small, so at this time it should not be an issue to have everyone in the classroom. What each classroom looks like from the inside is still being decided.
- Drop off and pick up will look different than in past years, we are still reviewing the details of this.
- We will be limiting the number of adults that can enter any building to keep outside contact to a minimum.
- What if's....student, parent, or staff member gets COVID-19, etc.
- Student lunchtime - Most schools are moving to have students eat lunch in their classroom, which is something we are looking into as well.
- What type of sanitization would be necessary to keep the playground safe as students still must be able to go outside for breaks and fresh air.
- Specialty classes - What they will look like and how students will be able to attend them.
- Extended Care scenarios - we should be able to have Extended Care with extra staff in each classroom but still need to work out the details.



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Know that we are working with many unknowns but are confident we will have a system in place by August. We anticipate many changes with this as we get updates from the State Department. I will continue to do my best to keep you informed as we go.

Please be on the lookout for the survey next week and return it as soon as possible. It will help us immensely as we plan to (hopefully) see you in August!

Also, make sure you are signed up for our Remind text messages. To sign up, text "@satoris" to the number 81010.

Thank you, and talk to you soon,

Jo