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Satori School Update ~ August 20, 2020

Dear Satori Students and Families,

We are two weeks into our virtual learning, and it has been nice to see so many familiar faces (even if it is on a screen). Getting back into some sort of a routine has been nice as well. We are still adjusting, changing, and adapting to what is working and what needs a little tweaking, but for the most part I think all the teachers and staff can add IT knowledge to their resumes. Thank you to everyone who has been supportive during this time.

This past week we have had a few students come to school for our on-site distance learning mandated by the governor, and it has worked out well. We have asked families to call the office when they arrive, stay in their vehicles, and someone will come and help them. Everyone that enters the building must wear a mask, wash their hands upon arrival, and follow our safety protocol. So far, it has worked out beautifully. A special thank you to Susan Marcus, Susan Stoddard, Linda, Brenda, Carly, Sara, Chris and Betsy for jumping in to help out our students and keep everyone as safe as we can.

Since March, I have been working on a safe plan to return to school. It started with weekly meetings with the state. Around June, the meetings were transferred to the Arizona Department of Health. With school starting in August, the meetings were transferred to the Pima County Health Department. I have found that they are most informative and are working directly with ADE and AZDHS to give us relevant information that relates directly to Pima County schools. Our meetings are every Tuesday. I have attached a link of what we are looking at in order to reopen school [here](#). This site is updated every Thursday. With the current information from the PCHD, it is very unlikely that we will be able to open on September 8th. I will know more later, but my feeling is, based on numbers, it will be closer to October. This is not news that I wanted to hear or share, but I feel it is the only option right now. I will be giving weekly updates as we go.

Thank you for your patience. This is hard, but together as a team, we can do anything.

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