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## Satori School Update ~ October 1, 2020 Charter School Information

Dear Satori Charter Students and Families,

Over the last few weeks I have been having some wonderful conversations with families. I still haven't finished but I will soon - I promise. Intermixed with my phone calls I have spent many hours with Pima County Health Department making sure we are good to move forward with a plan to reopen starting in October.

On Tuesday night I was able to present a time-phased plan that was unanimously passed by our Satori School Board. In order for us to best prepare for a responsible reopening, we are asking for your help in the planning process. Families will need to decide what choice is best for them so that we can anticipate how many students will return for in-person instruction.

The plan will occur in three phases. On October 19<sup>th</sup>, the building will open for preschool thru 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. Two weeks later, on November 2<sup>nd</sup>, the buildings will open for 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grade. We will finish with Middle School on November 16<sup>th</sup>. Please note that if the County or State says it is not safe to open, we will change our plans.

In a few days you will receive a survey from Satori asking you to choose a plan that works for your family. Please note that you may choose to keep your students online for remote learning for the Fall Semester if that is your preference.

**NOTE - At the end of the semester you will be able to reconsider your preferences.**

The two options are as follows:

**Hybrid Model:** Students will alternate between in-person learning in small cohorts and asynchronous, independent learning throughout the week. Students will be assigned to an "A" or "B" schedule and will attend school on alternating days, for example: Cohort A attends Monday/Tuesday and Cohort B attends Thursday/Friday. This will help to ensure that fewer students are on campus which helps to maximize physical distancing and safety measures. On Wednesdays, all students will participate in independent learning at home. An effort will be made to keep families/households together. Everyday all students will participate in a full class morning meeting.

**Remote Learning:** Parents have the option to keep their students in remote learning. Learning will continue to occur in a fully remote setting with both teacher lead (synchronous) and teacher assigned (asynchronous, independent) learning throughout the week. On Wednesdays, all



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students will participate in independent learning. Everyday all students will participate in a full class morning meeting.

**It is extremely important that you make your selection no later than Monday, October 5th.** The questionnaire is critical in helping us plan ahead so that we can ensure we have the proper safety measures and staffing in place for your children. **If we do not receive a response from you, your child will automatically be put in the remote learning group.**

In collaboration with the Pima County Health Department, we have implemented several strategies to protect our community that are aligned with the Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines for the safety of staff and students. We invite you to review our plan to protect our community plan which can be found on our website [HERE](#).

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at [jo@satorischool](mailto:jo@satorischool). I want to thank you again for your patience, understanding and assistance with this important request. The survey will be sent out no later than Friday afternoon.

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