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Dear DUSD Families:

In just two days we will begin the school year. Unfortunately, just when we thought things were getting back to somewhat normalcy we have a resurgence of the COVID virus. In order to keep our students and staff safe we will continue to do many of the mitigation strategies incorporated last year. All students return to school for full-time instruction beginning August 5, 2021. We will continue to be in-person during the 2021- 2022 school year as long as public health data continues to support this. Our plan contains mitigation strategies and specific monitoring, containment, and the ability to once again move to remote online learning if that is necessary. This plan may be changed and modified to meet current public health recommendations and/or mandates as we move forward. Decisions will be made based on the best available information and in coordination with the Arizona Department of Education (ADE), Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS), and Cochise Health and Social Services (CHSS) and in accordance with state statutes, executive orders from the Governor, and recommendations from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Operational Practices

- In-person, full day, all week instruction. Wednesdays are considered Early Release Days.
- Masking is no longer required for students or staff, though it is **highly** recommended as the new Delta variant of COVID– 19 is much more transmissible. We do **encourage** individuals, students and staff to continue to wear a mask, regardless of vaccination status.
- Following CDC order and guidance from Arizona School Board Association, students in buses will be required to wear a mask.
- Social distancing will be maximized to the extent possible.
- Continued rigorous cleaning and disinfection of all surfaces and rooms will continue
- Hand washing and sanitizing will continue.
- Water fill stations will be open. We encourage students to bring their own water bottle or container.
- Continued food service of breakfast and lunch.
- Any student who is out for COVID will **need** to be excused by their parents. Students will still be responsible for make-up work. **No** virtual instruction will be provided, but students can check in with their teachers via email, telephone, or any other form of communication to get work submitted.

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El Distrito Escolar Unificado de Douglas #27 no discrimina sobre la base de raza, color, origen nacional, sexo, edad, religión o discapacidad.

Parent, please continue to follow the below symptom guidelines when your child should stay home:

Fever or chills

Cough

Fatigue

New loss of taste or smell

Congestion or runny nose

Headaches

Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing

Muscle or body aches

Sore throat

Nausea, Vomiting, or Diarrhea

DUSD will continue to follow any contact tracing for students and staff with a positive COVID case and we will also enforce quarantine guidelines. If your child is sick with COVID related symptoms or became in contact with someone with COVID, you **must** report to your school health office immediately.

CHSS is following CDC recommendation of: universal indoor masking for all teachers, staff, students, and visitors to schools, regardless of vaccination status. Again, masks are optional, but **strongly** encouraged for all students and staff.

Quarantine and Isolation procedures are still requirements in schools and in the community.

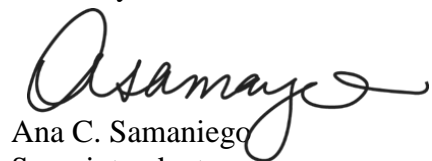
DUSD will follow the quarantine and isolation procedures below for all staff and students as provided by CHSS.

Quarantine if you have been in close contact (within 6 feet of someone for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period) with someone who has COVID-19, unless you have been fully vaccinated. People who are fully vaccinated do NOT need to quarantine after contact with someone who had COVID-19 unless they have symptoms. However, fully vaccinated people should get tested 3-5 days after their exposure, even they don't have symptoms and wear a mask indoors in public for 14 days following exposure or until their test result is negative.

Isolate if you have been diagnosed with COVID-19. People should isolate at home until at least 10 days have passed since symptom onset or if asymptomatic, until at least 10 days have passed since first positive COVID-19 test.

Please help us stay strong. We need everyone to collaborate together so that all staff and students are safe. You will be provided with our COVID Protocol Handbook, please make sure you read it to be well informed.

Sincerely,



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