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Dear GUSD Families and Friends,

Last evening, the Globe Unified School District Governing Board approved the return to in-person instruction for our district beginning September 21, 2020. Their approval was for the three options (TKO – online; Hybrid – 2 days online, 2 days in-person; and In-Person – 4 days) attendance model that they had originally approved in July. The protocols including face covering requirements and other requirements for preventing COVID – 19 spread will be in place as we go back to in-person instruction.

This decision was not entered into lightly by the board. Careful consideration was given to the trend of COVID-19 cases occurring here in southern Gila County. The board emphasized that each parent had already previously decided what their comfort level about returning to in-person was and that we would plan to honor the choices parents had made when we contacted them this summer.

I realize that this pandemic has caused serious disruption to our school operations. There will be many issues that need to be worked out over the next couple of weeks to be ready to welcome students back onto our campuses on September 21st. I will be working closely with building and district administrators to do our best to offer as much guidance and support as we can so that we can successfully serve our students. We will need your help and support as parents and guardians also as we enter into this new scenario of education in times of a pandemic.

Please take time to talk to your student about whatever choice you have made for them. Encourage them to follow the district protocols and guidelines for in-person attendance. If you have particular concerns, please talk to your building administrator. We may not be able to accommodate all of your concerns, but we may be able to help with some of them. Education is a “people” enterprise. We will all have to work together to make our return to in-person school successful. We will have to be committed to doing our best whether in-person or online if we are going to live up to our vision of “Capturing Hearts, Empowering Minds”.

I know that this year is one of the most challenging I have ever faced. I’m sure many of you feel the same. Thank you so much for hanging in there and doing your best to meet the challenges we are facing. I believe that working together we can face up to our challenges and work to become a little better at what we do each day and most of all, try to meet the needs of our students.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Jerry Jennex". The signature is stylized with large, flowing loops and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Jerry Jennex, Superintendent

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Globe Unified School District will use its resources to emphasize academic achievement, promote lifelong learning and encourage community and global service.