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“Every Student, Every Day, Preparing for Tomorrow”

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Dear Rams Families,

I hope this email finds you well. We so much appreciate your support and patience as we navigate through this school year.

Return to In-Person Learning

The CJSJ Governing Board, at its regularly scheduled meeting last night, approved a full re-opening to In-Person learning beginning Tuesday, Feb. 16th (next Monday is President’s Day, no school). **Friday, Feb. 19th, however, will be a distance learning day for all students (Onsite Learning Opportunities will be available).**

Vaccine Update

Our faculty and staff are set to receive their second vaccine dose on Friday, Feb. 19th. We thank our neighboring partner, Cottonwood Oak-Creek Elementary School District, for allowing us to reschedule our date and join them. Health officials have indicated that the second vaccine injection could result in more severe side effects. With this said, we are going to have a distance learning day on Friday, Feb. 19th as our faculty/staff will be receiving their second shot. This allows employees time to get over any severe side effects that afternoon and over the weekend.

Metrics Update

The latest AZ Schools Dashboard metrics show: Cases at 331/100K, Positivity Rate at 18.8% and Hospitalizations at 15.1%. Yavapai County COVID-19 metrics are on the decline as we have seen improvement in our positivity rate for the last three weeks. The future predictor data also shows a future decline in these metrics.

Mitigation Plan Implementation

As we go back to in-person learning next week, we want everyone to be mindful and remind our educational community that our mitigation plan will still be in place.

Reminders:

- Face coverings required while on campus and busses at all times.
- Frequent handwashing and hand sanitizing will continue.
- Physical distancing will continue as much as possible.
- Students will continue eating and having recess in their grade level and homeroom groups.
- Temperature and symptom checks will take place at the beginning of the day.

**As we have reminded our families throughout the school year, if your child is showing symptoms of illness, please do not send them to school. If someone in the household has a confirmed COVID-19 case (or someone has

been exposed), it is critically important that our health aide be notified as quarantining will be required. This helps us greatly reduce any spread within the school.

I am hopeful that we will turn the corner, so to speak, and see signs of normalcy in our communities and the districts that serve our students in the Verde Valley. I am excited to see all of our students back beginning next week and I am sure they all are too.

Sincerely,

Danny Brown, Superintendent