



## SAHUARITA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

January 29, 2021

Dear Sahuarita Family:

The purpose of this letter is to communicate that, at its regularly scheduled Meeting on January 27, 2021, the Sahuarita USD Governing Board approved the phased return plan for in-person hybrid learning. This plan includes the return to hybrid instruction, and [all previous corresponding norms](#), according to the following schedule:

<b>Grades K-5</b>	<b>February 1, 2021</b>	<b>Cohort A</b> In-person: M/T Remote: W/TH/F
<b>Grades 6-8</b>	<b>February 8, 2021</b>	<b>Cohort B</b> Remote: M/T/W In-person: TH/F
<b>Grades 9-12</b>	<b>February 15, 2021</b>	

Even though disease numbers are still high, they are currently flattening and trending in a favorable direction. Furthermore, the County Health Department has expressed support for our return to a phased, in-person hybrid learning framework. The Centers For Disease Control (CDC) issued a report this week supporting the return to school using strong mitigation measures, such as those in our [Road Back plan](#). These include hybrid learning to support distancing, fidelity to the use of masks, and strict cleaning and sanitation protocols.

I am hopeful that this can be the beginning of a long term, sustained return to in-person learning. It will take a total team effort among students, staff, families and community. We will continue to pursue the mitigation aspect of school operations with fidelity and resolve, and do everything possible to make the school environment as safe as possible. However, we all know that this virus is prevalent outside of the schoolhouse gates. It is crucial that we all continue to cooperate in regard to safety protocols. Please make sure to promptly [communicate](#) any positive COVID results regarding your child or family, as related to school impacts. Similarly, it is asked that parents convey any close contact exposure to a person with COVID19 for your child(ren). Additionally, please monitor your children’s health with extra caution and refrain from sending your children to school with one or more [symptoms](#) of COVID19. Please remember to reinforce the wearing of masks and the importance of distancing.

There is a reason for hope and a light at the end of this almost eleven month tunnel. The numbers are flattening, and the vaccine is rolling out. We must continue to stay strong and work together as a community. I look forward to brighter days of this spring and look forward to seeing our students around campus once again.

Sincerely,

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