July 20, 2021

Pendergast Community,

I hope you and your family are doing well and have had a great summer! Our team has been hard at work preparing to welcome all of our students on August 4, 2021. I want to thank you for your ongoing support of our school district throughout this unprecedented time.

As we prepare to begin the 2021-2022 school year, our team has revised our Safe Return to In-Person Learning Plan based on Governor Ducey’s Executive Orders, recent legislation, and Federal Orders. These health and safety protocols are intended to align with the guidance from public health agencies such as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Maricopa County Department of Public Health (MCDPH) to the greatest extent possible while remaining in compliance with all state and federal laws.

Although recent Executive Orders and state legislation prohibits us from requiring students and staff to use face coverings during school hours and on school property, there is a current federal order in place that requires face coverings on school busses. Per recent guidance from county and federal public health departments, we will continue to recommend but won’t require staff and students to wear a face covering during school hours and on school property. As part of our ongoing commitment to student and staff health, we will not have visitors on campus until health conditions in our community have improved. To view our Safe Return to In-Person Instruction & Continuity of Services Plan, please visit: www.pesd92.org.

We will continue to do our best to provide social distance, however, it is important to know that the physical size of our classrooms will dictate how far apart students will be from each other when indoors. We will continue to have students and staff wash and sanitize their hands frequently. Staff will continue to wipe down surfaces whenever possible to prevent the spread of germs. We have upgraded all of our buildings' HVAC systems to include filtration technology that supports healthier air quality.

As the District receives new information or guidance, or is required to meet new federal or state law requirements, the District may need to revise the Plan. If this occurs, we will promptly notify you of changes and will continue to post the most current plan on our district web page www.pesd92.org. I want to thank all of our students, staff, and families for their patience, understanding, and support. It continues to be an honor and privilege to serve the Pendergast Community. We are Pendergast, the district that believes in you!

Sincerely,

Dr. Jennifer Cruz
Superintendent,
Pendergast Elementary School District