

GLENDALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 40

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope you and your family are staying healthy. Reopening our schools for students and staff in a safe and healthy environment is our priority. We are working to develop a comprehensive plan to safely and responsibly open our schools. We have conducted staff, student and parent surveys, held school Task Force Committee meetings, gathered input from parent and teacher advisory committees and continue to monitor our local community and state CORONAVIRUS19 data.

Here are a few updates we would like to share with you as we continue to plan for reopening our schools.

1) Each school's Task Force has completed their committee meetings and have submitted their recommendations for leadership to review. Each site had two committees: 1) Teacher/Student focus and 2) School Safety focus. Both committees used the Arizona Department of Education (ADE) Roadmap to Reopening Schools and local, state and national health agencies to guide their work. Each site focused on the following areas:

- Classroom Instruction Delivery Model
- Classroom Environment Considerations
- Food Services
- Promoting Behaviors that Reduce Spread
- Maintaining Healthy Operations
- Trauma- Sensitive Practices and Social Emotional Learning

2) Advisory Committees submitted their top concerns for reopening schools from teacher and parent perspectives. Students shared their concerns on their distance learning experience.

3) 781 survey responses from staff and 2,331 responses from families were returned.

4) A GESD COVID-19 link is being created on the gesd40.org home page that will house all updates about the reopening of schools. The page will go live on Friday, June 19th. We ask that you check this site frequently for the most current information.

5) Two Virtual Town Hall meetings have been scheduled for Tuesday, June 30th at 6:00PM and Monday, July 27th at 6:00PM. Information on how to access the meetings will be posted on the gesd40.org website under GESD COVID-19.

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6) We are setting a date of Monday, July 6th to release the procedures for reopening our schools.

At this time, I would like to thank all those who responded to our surveys and those participating on our Task Force Committees. Leadership is currently reviewing committee recommendations and the survey results, including all the individual comments. Your feedback is being used to help inform our decisions on reopening. It is important we all recognize this is a very fluid situation and GESD may be redirected to follow any state mandate that may surface and be placed on public schools. We appreciate your support as we work through this process. Please stay healthy and connected at www.gesd40.org.

Respectfully,
Cindy Segotta-Jones
Superintendent

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