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Dear Parent/Guardian of CGUHSD student(s):

As we prepare to begin the 2020-21 school year, we understand that some of our families may have some hardships or needs that cannot be addressed at home. We are providing you the following information in accordance with Governor Ducey's Executive Order 2020-51 issued on July 23, 2020. Please carefully read the following information regarding the 2020-21 School Year.

Distance Learning Plan: Our Distance Learning Plan can be found on the District's website, available at <http://www.cguhsd.org/downloads/DO-DistanceLearningPlan-Current.pdf>

Mitigation Plan: Our mitigation plan to address measures to combat the spread of COVID-19 can be found on the District's website, available at: <http://www.cguhsd.org/doReopeningPlan.aspx>

School Calendar

Distance learning will begin on August 17, 2020. Attached to this notice is a current copy of the District's Academic calendar for the 2020-21 school year.

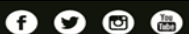
Based on the recent Benchmark Metrics provided by the Arizona Department of Health Services, we currently do not know the date to begin in-person, teacher-led classroom instruction. We will communicate this date with you when it becomes available.

Attendance Requirements

Your child will need to participate in the District's distance learning in order to be counted as present and attending. The District's distance learning plan outlines the requirements for attendance in accordance with the Governors executive order: <http://www.cguhsd.org/downloads/DO-DistanceLearningPlan-Current.pdf>

Please note that state law (A.R.S. § 15-802) requires as follows:

- Every child between six and sixteen years of age must attend a school and be provided instruction in at least the subjects of reading, grammar, mathematics, social studies and science.



- The child’s parent or guardian must enroll the child in a school and ensure that the child attends the school for the full time that school is in session. Our District is currently anticipating conducting 170-days of instruction during the 2020-21 school year (see attached school calendar).
- Certain exceptions apply to these attendance requirements, such as medical necessity. If you believe your child qualifies for such an exception, please contact your local school’s attendance clerk.

Free On-Site Learning Opportunities and Support Services

Beginning on August 17, 2020, we will begin offering free on-site learning opportunities and support services for students who need a place to go during the school day.

- Please be advised that free on-site learning opportunities and support services **are not** teacher-led classroom instruction. However, free on-site learning opportunities and support services will include in-person support services such as student supervision and strategic support for students in need during standard school hours and may include teacher-led or paraprofessional support for students engaging in distance learning instruction.
- If you believe your child needs a place to go during the day, please contact Vista Grande HS 520.876.9400 ext. 4135 or email jparks-evans@cguhsd.org or contact Casa Grande Union HS 520.836.8500 ext. 3161 or email mkieser@cguhsd.org to discuss whether your child qualifies for this service. The Arizona Department of Education currently describes this service as a “safe learning space for students who are at-risk, in special education programs or who are the students of essential workers.” For more information on this service and qualifications, please visit our website at www.cguhsd.org.
- Please be advised that free on-site learning opportunities and support services may be suspended or terminated if the District or the Arizona Department of Health Services advises closing the premises for public health reasons or in the best interests of the staff and students.

To learn more about our free-onsite learning opportunities and support services, please visit the District’s website at www.cguhsd.org. The details of these services may be modified based on additional guidance from ADE. Updates will be posted on the District website.

If you have any questions or concerns about the information in this letter, or if you need additional assistance, please contact the Superintendent’s Office at 520.316.3301 or contact@cguhsd.org. The information contained in this letter may change as the situation changes, and in accordance with any applicable law, regulation, order or Governing Board policy. ***Please continue to regularly review the websites listed below for important updates.***

Thank you,

Dr. Steven C. Bebee
Superintendent

Attached:

District’s 2020-21 School Calendar <http://www.cguhsd.org/downloads/CGUHSD-CalendarAcademic-Current.pdf>
Arizona Revised Statute § 15-802

Important Websites

- District's 2020-21 School Calendar:
<http://www.cguhsd.org/Downloads/CGUHSD-CalendarAcademic-Current.pdf>
- Distance Learning Plan:
<http://www.cguhsd.org/downloads/DO-DistanceLearningPlan-Current.pdf>
- Mitigation Plan:
<http://www.cguhsd.org/doReopeningPlan.aspx>
- On-site Learning Opportunities and Services Plan:
<http://ww.cguhsd.org>
- Arizona Revised Statute § 15-802, available at:
<https://www.azleg.gov/ars/15/00802.htm>
- Governor Ducey's Executive Order 2020-51, available at:
<https://azgovernor.gov/executive-orders>