

March 25, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians and PUSD Staff:

The purpose of this letter is to provide communication regarding the Page Unified School District's plan for continued instruction and support to our students during this time of uncertainty. Though our school buildings are still closed and will remain closed until further guidance from the state, our staff has been working on a plan to support both our students' well-being and education. During this difficult time of school closure, we want to assure you that Page Unified School District is doing everything we can to provide the best support that we can.

<u>Distribution of Material- March 30-31, 2020 (Monday and Tuesday)</u>

According to guidance from the State, we have the week of March 23-27, 2020 to formulate and prepare a plan to provide education opportunities starting March 30, 2020. We are working as a district and school to coordinate all needs to the best of our ability to be ready for implementation starting on March 30, 2020. These opportunities will focus on review and extensions from previously taught curriculum (the first 9 weeks of the semester). Please stay tuned to your email and phone calls from the school district for additional updates.

Page Unified will continue to honor the Navajo Nation's Shelter in Place Directive delivered from President Nez's Office. At this time, PUSD only has permission to deliver food to students on the Navajo Nation and is seeking permission to deliver educational materials as well, so this is our current plan to deliver educational materials. We are calling them "Value-added" educational materials because it allows our students to receive additional education on instruction that they already received. Because of our infrastructure, online learning is not available to all students at this time. We are working diligently on a plan for our seniors to get to graduation. Specific information regarding seniors and graduation options will be communicated at a later date, after we have received further instruction and parameters from the state.

All instructional materials will be sent electronically to our **students residing on the Navajo Nation** until the Navajo Nation Shelter-in-place is lifted. We will be sending the materials to the emails that are listed in PowerSchools. If you have a new email and another email that you would like the materials sent to, please notify your child's school. **This is a good time to make sure that your child's school has your current email address.**

Time for distribution for packets and other tangible materials/resources will be **Monday** and **Tuesday only from 8:30-12:30** in front of Desert View or Manson Mesa.

Desert View Elementary will be the location for packet pick up for students attending
 PHS, PMS, DVI, and LV. Parents and Guardians will go through the front parking lot in

their vehicles. Please stay in your vehicle. Let the team member know what grade your student is in and a member of our team will deliver a packet to your car.

 For students attending Manson Mesa High, Manson Mesa High School will be the location for pickup of materials. Parents and guardians will go through the District Office parking lot in their vehicles. Please stay in your vehicle. Ms. Jutras will deliver to your car.

We are requesting that students do not return the packets. Grades will not be assigned for the educational materials provided as the purpose for this packet is to reinforce learning that your student has already received from his/her classroom teacher.

This method of providing material will be for this week only. More information to come regarding week two and distribution of materials. We will continue to discuss our options should school closures continue beyond the April 10, 2020- end date set by the Governor and the Arizona State Superintendent of Education and send out additional communication to you as soon as possible.

Plans for the Senior class will come in a separate communication.

Student with IEPs

The district has proposed that it is in the best interest of the students to offer exposure to education using alternate methods / settings. The district teams are reviewing student IEPs and current classroom data to determine the best course of action for each student as the year progresses. We are exploring all options as not all families have access to on-line teaching opportunities.

There will be no direct instruction provided during school closures for any students. We will continue to discuss our options should school closures continue beyond the April 10, 2020th end date set by the Governor and the Arizona State Superintendent of Education.

Meals during School Closure

We are having a very successful food service program. Our team is out at several locations each day.

PUSD will be distributing FREE meals to <u>all kids 18 and under</u>, starting Monday March 23, 2020, due to the Covid-19 school closure. **All children receiving meals need to be present to get meals**. One meal per child, per service time, per day. There will be five sites available for pickup.

PHS faculty parking lot, intersection of Lake Powell Blvd and Coppermine Rd.

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- · Coppermine on BIA route N20 turn off to chapter house
- Cedar Ridge on highway 89 at the turn off for BIA route 6110
- Bitter Springs at the NHA housing turnoff along highway 89
- LeChee Chapter House parking lot

Pick up times are Mountain Standard Time (Page time). Breakfast and lunch are served from 8:30-12:30 pm. Meals will be distributed out of white PUSD vans/box truck, except at PHS faculty parking lot. Reminder, all children receiving meals need to be present to get meals.

We may be adjusting locations and service times as we work through this closure.

If you have any questions you can call PUSD Nutrition Dept. at 928-608-4105 or PUSD Food Service Director at 928-608-4102.

Please rest assured that we will continue to communicate information as it is received and future decisions as they are made.

Sincerely,

Robert Varner, Ed. S. Superintendent

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