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Good Afternoon Phoenix CSD Families, Staff and Students,

It is very hard to believe that summer is over. I hope that you and your families were able to enjoy some quality time together and that you are all healthy and ready to return to school!

Here are some updates to keep you all informed as we begin the 2021-2022 school year:

- **1st Day of School - Tuesday, September 7, 2021 -**
 - This is the first day of school for students in grades 1-12.
 - This is also the first day of school for both Pre-K and Kindergarten. It is their Orientation Day at Michael A. Maroun Elementary School.

- **Athletics & Extracurriculars -**
 - We are excited and looking forward to resuming all athletic and extracurricular activities for the 2021-2022 school year.
 - Students and adults will follow the same school-day policies and procedures during athletic and extracurricular activities.
 - You can sign up for modified fall sports by visiting the athletic webpage at <https://www.phoenixcsd.org/domain/1040> and selecting “Register for a Sport” –

- **What is the plan this year if a student is quarantined per the Department of Health?**
 - Due to the new quarantine guidelines and some of our students being fully vaccinated, the DOH and I anticipate our quarantine numbers will be much smaller this year.
 - The district will be providing "temporary homebound instruction" for 2 hours a day, after school hours for any student who is quarantined.
 - The district has assembled a list of 28 teachers who are available to provide this instruction if and when necessary.

- **Food Service Department Updates –**
 - Due to the continuing pandemic, the Federal government has ensured that *all students enrolled in our school district will receive a free breakfast and lunch this school year.*
 - It is very important to the district that anyone who would traditionally qualify for Free and Reduced Meals, fills out a meal application at LunchApplication.com or by completing the meal application located in the PCSD calendar. These updated meal applications must be completed by Friday, September 24, 2021. These meal applications are extremely important because they provide essential funding to our school district!
 - For additional information, please visit the Phoenix CSD Food Service Department website at <http://phoenixcsdschoolcafe.org/> or call Food Services Supervisor Patty Barber at 315-695-1547.

- **What will breakfast / lunch look like?**

- Cafeterias will be used.
- Students will wear masks when moving through the food service line.
- We will maximize physical distance as much as possible when moving through the food service line and while eating.

- **Stay Home When Sick and Get Tested -**

- Please be sure to monitor yourself / your children each day.
- Students and staff experiencing any of the following COVID-19 symptoms should stay home and be tested for COVID-19; this applies to vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals:

A temperature greater than or equal to 100°	Shortness of breath or trouble breathing
Feel feverish or have chills	Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea
Cough	Muscle pain or body aches
Loss of taste or smell	Headaches
Fatigue / feeling of tiredness	Nasal congestion / runny nose
Sore throat	

Please understand that things could change in the future based on guidance we receive and/or community spread.

Enjoy the last few days of summer and thank you for your time and continued support of our school district!!

Sincerely,

Christopher J. Byrne

Superintendent of Schools



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