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Good Afternoon Phoenix CSD Families, Staff and Students,

It has been great seeing everyone back on campus for the first month of school. I have thoroughly enjoyed seeing our students back in classrooms and participating in athletics and extracurricular activities!

Please know that I recognize it has been a challenging month for everyone (families, staff and students) dealing with COVID-19, contact tracing, quarantines, etc. As a district we are monitoring this pandemic and our instructional programs very carefully. We will continue to make changes and provide updates in the best interest of students and staff in the days ahead.

Here are updates to keep you informed:

- **NEW Phoenix CSD COVID-19 Dashboard –**
 - 46 positive cases of COVID-19 have been reported for students and staff in the past 2 weeks.
 - A few families and staff members asked if we could maintain a dashboard, updated daily, on our district website that lists all positive cases. We have created this dashboard and you may access it any time using the following link - <https://www.phoenixcsd.org/Page/4337> .
- **Important to Always Think Ahead –**
 - Our goal has been to make this year as normal of a year as possible for our students and staff. While we very much hope to continue with in-person learning, at this time, I **highly recommend** the following:
 - Families – please have a plan in place should the district or a building have to switch to remote learning for a period of time.
 - Faculty and Staff – please be prepared should the district or a building have to switch to remote learning for a period of time.
- **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:

Fever or Chills (100° F or more)	Shortness of breath or trouble breathing
Cough	Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea
Loss of taste or smell	Muscle pain or body aches
Fatigue / feeling of tiredness	Headaches
Sore throat	Nasal congestion / runny nose

- If you or a family member test positive for COVID-19, please notify me immediately at 315-695-1555 or cbyrne@phoenixcsd.org, so that I can work with the Oswego County Health Department and plan our next steps (contact tracing, communications and / or programmatic changes).
 - Also, please be reminded that if a member of your household tests positive for COVID-19, all unvaccinated household members should stay home until contacted by the health department.
- **Equity, Inclusion & Diversity –**
 - The Equity, Inclusion & Diversity Committee is seeking new members for the 2021-2022 school year. You can find additional information about this committee on page 3 of this letter. If interested, please fill out the following survey → <https://forms.gle/6WYDnz7D65YoN2CcA>.

Thank you very much for your continued support of our school district and programs. I hope that you all have a relaxing and enjoyable weekend!!

Sincerely,

Christopher J. Byrne

Superintendent of Schools



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PHOENIX CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

EQUITY, INCLUSION, & DIVERSITY

Our vision is to build a community that celebrates diversity in all its forms, where all voices are heard and respected, and individuals feel safe, accepted, and empowered to challenge inequity.

**STRENGTHENING &
BUILDING A RESILIENT
COMMUNITY.**

