



August 16, 2022

Good Afternoon Phoenix CSD Families, Staff and Students,

Thank you very much for your tremendous support as we navigated another challenging school year in 2021-2022. I am hopeful that the 2022-2023 School Year will look as much like pre-pandemic times as possible. Here are some updates to keep you all informed:

- **“Stuff-A-Bus” – Free School Supplies -**

- Our faculty and staff have partnered again with the United Way to Stuff-A-Bus with school supplies. Any family interested in donating school supplies may do so at the 3 Rivers Plaza on Wednesday, August 24<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- Any family interested in obtaining backpacks, pencils, crayons, pens, folders, glue sticks and more, for their children for the upcoming school year are welcome to come to Michael A. Maroun Elementary School's Intermediate Cafeteria on Wednesday, August 31<sup>st</sup> from 4 - 6:30 p.m.

- **Free COVID-19 Home Test Kit Pick Up -**

- The district will be receiving another allotment of COVID-19 Home Test Kits. We will distribute these home test kits, for anyone interested, on Tuesday, August 30<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. in the District Office Parking Lot, located at the back of Maroun Elementary School.
- We will continue to make free home test kits available in all school buildings and the district office in the months ahead, for as long as we have them. Feel free to stop in at your convenience to pick them up if / when necessary.

- **COVID-19 Protocols & Procedures – 2022-2023 School Year -**

*(Please know that protocols and procedures could change pending future guidance from the Department of Health and/or New York State Education Department.)*

- **The following will continue this year -**

- If you test positive for COVID-19, you should follow the CDC's guidelines and:
  - isolate for at least 5 days.
  - wear a well-fitting mask through day 10.

- **The following will not continue this year -**

- The need for 6-feet social distancing.
- Quarantining people who've been exposed to COVID-19.



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- Weekly testing for unvaccinated staff.
- Temporary Homebound Instruction for students who test positive for COVID-19. Students will request homework from their teachers if / when they are absent (*the same as they did before the pandemic*).
- **2022-2023 Instructional Calendar Correction -**
  - Our school calendar has our Budget Vote taking place on Tuesday, May 23, 2023...*this is an error*, our Budget Vote is scheduled to take place on **Tuesday, May 16, 2023.**
- **Imagination Library – Free Books!! -**
  - This program is a monthly book gifting program that mails *free*, high-quality books to all registered children from birth until their fifth birthday, regardless of the family's income.
  - The program was launched by the Literacy Coalition of Oswego County which is dedicated to improving literacy in our county.
  - To sign-up online for these free books, please go to - <https://imaginationlibrary.com/usa/affiliate/NYOSWEGO/>
- **First Day of School -**
  - Please be reminded that the first day of school this year for students in 1st – 12th grade is Tuesday, September 6th. Tuesday, September 6th is also Kindergarten Orientation at Michael A. Maroun Elementary School.

Enjoy the rest of your summer. I look forward to seeing everyone in a few weeks!!

Sincerely,

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