Dear BASIS Charter School families in Arizona,

We hope you are safe and well. We would like to provide you with an update regarding the start of the 2020-21 school year. In light of Governor Ducey’s new executive order delaying in-person school instruction until August 17, 2020, BASIS Charter Schools in Arizona plan to begin instruction **100% online on the regularly scheduled first day of school**. We plan to return to our ‘Families Choose in 2020-21’ program, with parents indicating whether they would prefer to have their students receive instruction in-person or via distance learning, as soon as the State permits.

We will continue to provide updates to you over the summer and as guidance from officials evolves. Please continue to enjoy your summer!

Sincerely,

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**Families Choose in 2020–21**

**FAMILIES CHOOSE the Way Their Children Learn at BASIS Charter Schools in 2020–21**

Key Components to the BASIS 2020–21 plan — Flexibility and Parent Options! Whether you want your child to be fully on campus or distance learning at home… *IT IS YOUR CHOICE IN 2020–21.*
At BASIS Charter Schools, “Families Choose in 2020–21”. (And you can change your mind, and change it back, during the year.)

In these uncertain times, BASIS.ed and BASIS Charter Schools believe that families need the flexibility to decide for themselves whether on campus education or distance learning is best for their children.

It’s Our World-Class Curriculum – ‘In School’ OR ‘At Home’

We deliver the same high-achieving BASIS Charter School Curriculum via intelligent, passionate BASIS Charter School teachers both in person in our classrooms and at home via our distance learning program.

Either way, we are committed to giving your student the highest quality education, regarded as among the finest in the world.

Safety and Educational Quality Are Our Top Priorities

Of course, as public schools, this “Families Choose In 2020–21” flexibility requires that the government continues to fund public schools serving students who remain at home in our distance learning program. We have every reason to believe that this will continue to hold true in the 2020–21 school year, due to COVID-19 and the resulting local, state, and federal public health mandates.

If you choose to return to campus, you will find a school that is as close to “BASIS-normal” as it can safely be. Your student will have the same supportive expert teachers, the same world-class curriculum, the same high expectations and consistent support, and the same quirky fun! Of course, safety remains our top concern, so we are making some changes to the structure of the day—the way passing periods work, how lunch is served, masks (where appropriate), etc.—in order to create a safer environment for students, teachers, and staff. We know you will have many questions about what this plan will look like, and we will get the details to you later this summer so that you can make the right choice for your family—classroom instruction on campus or distance learning at home. (The specific plans for classroom instruction on campus may be different by region, facility, grades served, or due to local COVID-19 conditions or mandates.)

Teachers Trained for Distance Learning

If you choose distance learning, your child will be taught by a set of specially-trained BASIS Charter School teachers, using practices and pedagogy curated from the best parts of our network’s distance learning program developed last spring, plus the improvements made over the summer. Students at home will study the same core BASIS Charter School Curriculum as students on campus, delivered by a subset of our amazing teachers, trained for distance learning.
Families Choose In 2020–21, Again and Again

We recognize that the uncertainty in the world today means that things change quickly. But no matter what happens, we are ready to keep your students safe – and give them the highest quality education. Yes, things may be different in a month, and change again later in the year. So, families can choose their initial preference for the start of the 2020–21 school year, and can make adjustments along the way – again and again. Students will be able to transition from distance learning instruction at home to on-campus instruction in the classroom, and back, as conditions or family situations change, **even in the middle of the school year.**

BASIS.ed and BASIS Charter Schools Are Ready for Anything

To sum up, for the 2020–21 school year, BASIS.ed and BASIS Charter Schools are committed to providing families with options, and being as flexible as possible with the delivery methods for our world-class curriculum to your student, the way you want it delivered. **“Families Choose In 2020–21.”** You get to decide, for your child and on your timetable, whether to continue with distance learning from home, or to come back to campus.

As Always, We’ll Be In Touch

As the summer progresses, we will send you more information about both options, and, if you are a current BASIS Charter School family, about how to register your choice. If you have immediate questions about our plans for the 2020–21 school year, please feel free to email us at familieschoose@BASISed.com.

If you have not yet applied to attend a BASIS Charter School, **there are limited seats available at some schools**, in select grade levels, for this fall! Prospective families, please visit enrollbasis.com for more information, and to apply to a BASIS Charter School today!

We Are Ready for Anything!

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