

Dear BASIS Charter School families in Arizona,

As you know, in order to continue prioritizing the health and safety of our students, teachers, staff, and families, we are closely monitoring the mandates, guidelines, and advisories of public health officials at the national, state, and local level. Your health remains our top priority!

As such, considering current circumstances, we have made the decision to only offer distance learning, and keep our physical campuses closed to students through at least Labor Day, Monday, September 7, 2020. We still have every intention of implementing our Families Choose in 2020-21 plan, in which families decide whether their children come to school for in-person education, or continue distance learning from home. However, considering current circumstances, we need to start the school year 100% online to protect the health and safety of everyone in our communities. Once it's safe to begin the reopening of our facilities, we'll return to allowing parents the option of in-person or distance learning instruction.

We hope to communicate to you when our campuses will open, and when our 'Families Choose in 2020-21' plan can commence, by August 15, 2020. That, of course, depends on the circumstances at that time, as well as the aforementioned public health directives we are following.

We will update you readily in the coming weeks, as promised. You have already received your survey asking you to choose either in-person learning or distance learning at home, a choice that is applicable once in-person learning is safe and allowed. Please make your selection as instructed; we will be in touch with you to confirm your choice before we reopen our facilities.

Schools are preparing student schedules for distance learning and will distribute distance learning system logins for students prior to the first day of school. Teachers and administrators will provide additional training for using our distance learning systems (Microsoft Teams and SPORK) as we launch into the new school year together. They will communicate school-specific procedures for attendance, requesting exceptions to the structured daily schedule, and about the distribution of course materials.

Our published first day of school remains unchanged; we are just starting with distance learning.

In the meantime, please stay safe.

Sincerely yours,
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