

Dear BBS Families,

Governor Ducey recently signed an Executive Order delaying the first day of school for **in-person** learning until at least August 17, 2020. However, this Order allows schools to begin with distance learning prior to this date. The Arizona Department of Education has until August 31, 2020 to determine if this Order will affect the required 180-days of instruction. With that being said, and in order to end our school year at the end of May, our plan will be to proceed with our first day of school on August 3rd with ALL students utilizing the Distance Learning Model. As we all know, things are fluid and the in-person start date could change depending on the number of COVID cases at that time.

In-Person

Families who select the Bricks and Mortar Model will need to begin school with the Distance Learning option on August 3, 2020 and will be able to transition to the regular school building once the Governor allows schools to reopen for in-person education.

Distance Learning

Families who select the Distance Learning option will begin school on Monday, August 3, 2020 and will be able to select an in-person option at the end of each quarter.

We understand that circumstances can change in a month, and there have been questions as to whether or not the model that you choose for your child's learning can be changed prior to the start of the school year or any time before the quarter ends. Since the state is allowing flexibility to charter schools to offer an online option, charter schools are accountable as to how students are enrolled, i.e. online or in-person. This information is required so that we can keep an accurate tracking of who is online and who is in the building in case of illness and for funding purposes. Therefore, the option to change your status will be at the quarter breaks.

We are currently working with our distance learning committee along with Microsoft Education specialists to provide training to our staff utilizing this online model. Details are forthcoming.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as information is constantly changing. As we receive updates, we will communicate them to you.

Sincerely,

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