

Dear BBS Parents,

We hope this letter finds you and your family enjoying your summer break and staying safe and healthy.

As you might have already heard and seen in the media, the cases of COVID-19 in the state of Arizona continue to increase. To date, the governor and the Department of Education are still moving forward with schools opening on time. It is uncertain as to how this will play out within schools, but BBS is committed to communicating with staff and families as frequently as possible to ensure that you have the most updated information available.

The Arizona Charter Association is working aggressively with the Governor's Office, the AZ Department of Education, the State Board for Charter Schools, and the Legislature on quickly resolving this particular issue of small charters being able to offer remote learning at the start of the school year. Below is the latest update from Arizona Charter Association:

1. **Flexibility:** State leaders continue to advocate for flexibility, including a temporary distance learning component; naturally, we are working to formalize that concept. Schools and parents are anxious to know how next year will operate, so we are strongly encouraging state leaders to announce a solution as expeditiously as possible.
2. **Funding:** There have been many proposals for funding that attempt to set a floor or to stabilize schools based on the uncertainty COVID-19 could present related to enrollment. We are engaged with all stakeholders to find a solution that creates a stable funding environment given the potential challenges schools may face related to attendance when they reopen.
3. **Personal Protective Equipment (PPE):** Additional guidance and resources are important for schools as they welcome back faculty, families, students, and teachers. We continue to advocate for more of both.

Our top priority is to ensure that our students are welcomed back in a safe environment. Our task force is continuing to look at other models, work through scenarios and the realistic nature of the protocols and how and what things will be implemented. This will be an ongoing process as information from the CDC, as well as the Arizona Department of Education, is always changing.

Again, we want to ensure that you receive the most updated information available and we ask that you please be patient as we continue to work through this process. So much has changed in this week alone, we will continue to review our protocols based on the guidelines given by the Governor and Department of Education. All questions will be answered to the best of our ability.

Take care and stay safe and healthy.

Sincerely,

BBS Task Force