



Paulden Community School
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Dear Paulden Community School Families:

Last week, Arizona Governor Doug Ducey issued a series of new executive orders in response to the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic. In order to comply with Governor Ducey's most recent orders, **Paulden Community School has postponed the in-person school start date until August 17, 2020.**

While our original calendar had a start date of August 4th, we are currently adjusting our planning based on the assumption that in-person learning will begin on August 17, 2020. However, because the conditions surrounding this pandemic continue to evolve, our current plans may be further interrupted should the Governor issue additional executive orders.

Please know that our dedicated leadership team, teachers and professional staff are working diligently on the details and different scenarios for how to make school open safely. We will take each new development into consideration as we prepare to do the very best we can for all of our students and families. Parents will have the option to have their child(ren) attend in-person classes, while following strict safety measures, or they may choose to have the child(ren) participate remotely.

We have learned a lot after the original emergency school closure order in March. Our teachers and leadership team have been working all summer to develop in-person and virtual learning environments that are engaging, attainable and address each student's academic, social and emotional needs for growth. In the coming weeks we will provide you with more details regarding our re-opening plan and the significant financial investment of student safety and academic resources to address the ever-changing circumstances during these unprecedented times.

As our re-opening plans evolve and are refined, we will likely check in all our families with another survey in late-July. It is important for us to know and understand the unique needs and circumstances of our students and families as we respond to this changing and challenging moment.

Wishing you and your family good health and safety,

Richard Hay
On behalf of the Governing Board of Directors