



March 20, 2020

Dear Paulden Community School Families,

Thank you to everyone for your patience, understanding and support this past week. I wanted to let you know the teachers, staff and administrators have all been planning and working diligently this week to prepare for the possibility of a long-term campus closure. **Today, Governor Ducey extended the mandatory school campus closure through April 10, 2020.**

Our instructional staff will continue to provide you with instructional materials and activities for you to use at home. However, I have asked our teachers to refine these materials and work to align activities more closely to their class instructional plans. **However, due to the extension of campus closures, we are preparing to provide virtual (live and recorded video classes) and more refined print-based materials, specific to your child's grade/classroom, beginning the week of March 30, 2020.**

Teachers have been contacting each family this week (by email, text, phone, direct messaging, etc.) in order to assess internet and technological access from the home. If you have not been contacted... we have been trying to reach you with the information on file at the school. Please email, text, Facebook message or reach out to us using some other method so we may update your contact information.

Beginning Monday, March 23, 2020, our staff will begin sending out school-issued student email accounts. While this email account will be in your student(s) name, you should have control and access to the account. These new school email accounts will allow you to join live classroom instruction by your teachers, view recordings of lessons you may have missed, and eventually can serve as your one-stop source for all your class materials. While we are temporarily preparing for virtual classroom instruction, we are very well aware that not all families have access to computers or the internet. There are many reasons why connectivity is not an option for some families. Simply stated, rural communities continue to lack the proper infrastructure necessary to access high-speed internet services. Rest-assured, you do not need to have computers or internet access in order to continue as a Paulden student while our campus is closed. We will be working with each family on other options in the event computer and/or internet access is not possible. Print materials and other resources will be made available.

Please remember, this is temporary and we will return to some level of normalcy when it is safe for your children, families, and our dedicated team at Paulden Community School.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard Hay', written in a cursive style.

Richard Hay  
Governing Board Member