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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Tuba City Unified School District providing you the following information in accordance with Governor Ducey's Executive Order 2020-51 issued on July 23, 2020. Please carefully read the following information below regarding the 2020-21 School Year.

**Distance Learning Plan:** Our Distance Learning Plan can be found on the District's website, available at [www.tcusd.org](http://www.tcusd.org)

**Mitigation Plan:** Our mitigation plan to address measures to combat the spread of COVID-19 can be found on the District's website, available at: [www.tcusd.org](http://www.tcusd.org)

### **School Calendar**

Distance learning will begin on August 17, 2020. Attached to this notice is a current copy of the District's school calendar for the 2020-21 School Year.

Pending guidance from the Arizona Department of Health Services, we are currently anticipating beginning in-person, teacher-led classroom instruction on October 15, 2020. This date is only an estimate and may be revised by the District at any time.

### **Attendance Requirements**

Your child will need to participate in the District's distance learning in order to be counted as present and attending. The District's distance learning plan requires the following minimum level of contact:

With our Distance Learning Plan submitted to ADE we compiled a list of ways for students to show attendance:

- individual electronic contact with the teacher/advisor (email, phone, text, etc.)
- Participation in synchronous learning activity (Zoom, etc)
- Submission of daily assignments
- Parent attestation of time spent on educational activities assigned by the school. This will mainly be used for the lower grades like PreSchool and Kindergarten aged.

Prek\_8th grade teachers/attendance clerks will submit daily attendance in PowerSchool. Students will be marked either absent or present.

High school teachers/attendance clerks will submit course level attendance in PowerSchool by course. Students will be marked either absent or present.

Please note that state law (A.R.S. § 15-802) requires as follows:

- Every child between six and sixteen years of age must attend a school and be provided instruction in at least the subjects of reading, grammar, mathematics, social studies and science.
- The child's parent or guardian must enroll the child in a school and ensure that the child attends the school for the full time that school is in session. Our District is currently anticipating conducting 180-days of instruction during the 2020-21 school year (see attached school calendar).

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- Certain exceptions apply to these attendance requirements, such as medical necessity. If you believe your child qualifies for such an exception, please contact your local school's attendance clerk.

### **Free On-Site Learning Opportunities and Support Services**

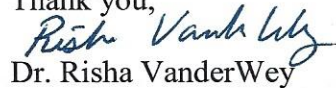
Beginning on September 21, 2020, we will begin offering free on-site learning opportunities and support services for students who need a place to go during the school day.

- Please be advised that free on-site learning opportunities and support services **are not** teacher-led classroom instruction. However, free on-site learning opportunities and support services will include in-person support services such as student supervision and strategic support for students in need during standard school hours, and may include teacher-led or paraprofessional support for students engaging in distance learning instruction.
- If you believe your child needs a place to go during the day, please contact 928-283-1001 to discuss whether your child qualifies for this service.
- Please be advised that free on-site learning opportunities and support services may be suspended or terminated if the District or the Arizona Department of Health Services advises closing the premises for public health reasons or in the best interests of the staff and students.

To learn more about our free-onsite learning opportunities and support services, please visit the District's website at [www.tcusd.org](http://www.tcusd.org). The details of these services may be modified based on additional guidance from ADE. Updates will be posted on the District website.

If you have any questions or concerns about the information in this letter, or if you need additional assistance, please contact us at: 928-283-1001. The information contained in this letter may change as the situation changes, and in accordance with any applicable law, regulation, order or Governing Board policy. ***Please continue to regularly review the websites listed below for important updates.***

Thank you,



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### **Attached:**

District's 2020-21 School Calendar

Arizona Revised Statute § 15-802

### **Important Websites**

- District's 2020-21 School Calendar: [www.tcusd.org](http://www.tcusd.org)
- Distance Learning Plan: [www.tcusd.org](http://www.tcusd.org)
- Mitigation Plan: [www.tcusd.org](http://www.tcusd.org)
- On-site Learning Opportunities and Services Plan: [www.tcusd.org](http://www.tcusd.org)
- Arizona Revised Statute § 15-802, available at: <https://www.azleg.gov/ars/15/00802.htm>
- Governor Ducey's Executive Order 2020-51, available at: <https://azgovernor.gov/executive-orders>

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