

## GRIFFIN FOUNDATION SCHOOL DISTRICT

July 14, 2020

Hello Griffin Schools Community,

We will be opening soon! Thank you for your patience as we work through the many changes in the education environment. Earlier this month, **Governor Ducey made an Executive Order delaying in-person learning until Monday, August 17, 2020**. However, based on the continued increase in COVID-19 cases in Arizona, this date may be optimistic, and the in-person classroom date may change again. Due to this uncertainty, and the importance of creating a safe and stable educational environment for our families and staff the Griffin Foundation School District has determined that **we will begin all students via Remote Learning/Home School on Thursday, August 6, 2020**, and then transition those interested in an on-campus learning experience when it is deemed safe.

The district is starting this school year carefully to allow our students classroom Instruction via Live Remote Learning/Home School. We are aware that this may not be ideal, still we are committed to offering every child quality and rigorous curriculum, 5 days a week, from highly qualified teachers. Instruction will be conducted by teachers utilizing Google Classroom online that includes lessons, as well as, some recorded classroom instructions with homework. Classes will be consistent with real-time classroom instruction and will utilize approved live online programs with assessment tools. At GFSD, we are planning to purchase Lenovo Smart Tablets for all our students to use at home and/or school. Unlike most Home School Programs elsewhere, parents at GFSD are not required to be directly involved in the teaching/planning of their child's lessons/content instructions.

In order to help us accurately plan for when it is safe to return to the classroom responsibly, we are requesting you reserve your space in one of our two learning options so we can determine frequency, class sizes, and Remote Learning/Home School opportunities. Teachers will facilitate and support a.) **Full-Time: Live Online Remote Learning/Home School instruction** or b.) **Hybrid – A mixture of On-site Classroom learning and live online Remote Learning/Home School Classes** are all facilitated by one of our highly qualified teachers. You can choose which learning option you prefer until that option is closed. You can choose which learning option is best for each child in your household. Please submit your survey to GFSD as soon as possible, you can mail or drop-off your survey sheet in the drop-off box at the school entrance.

### **Guidelines to survey options for classroom instruction (see survey sheet page 3-4)**

1. Make sure that you have registered your child/children in our school, please identify the school your child/children will be enrolling in (KWAS, CRS, or FIMS).
2. Choose the Learning Option you desire for your child:
  - a. **Full-time: Live Remote Learning - Home School Classes** online classroom instruction, **5 days per week**, with lessons and homework taught by highly qualified teachers.
  - b. **Hybrid Learning** – Student will receive both Live online Remote/Home School Classes **and** On-site in Classroom Instruction with their Highly Qualified classroom Teacher. **List the Learning Option (a or b) on classroom instruction in your survey, pages 3 & 4; ( Hybrid: 2 days in school and 3 days remote – Wednesdays all students will remote live into classroom)**. We greatly appreciate your considering our schools. If you have specific questions about

registration, please contact our school front office at [gfsdnotices@griffinfoundation.org](mailto:gfsdnotices@griffinfoundation.org) or call office 520-790-8400 for assistance.

Lastly, we hear your concerns and share the stress of these grave times in our lives. We all care about the children that we educate, and watch grow each day. Please know the safety and well-being of our students and staff are a top priority when we make decisions. We will provide you with updates over the next few weeks as we prepare **school to start remotely on August 6<sup>th</sup>**. Thank you again for your patience, trust, and commitment to the Griffin Foundation Schools. Remember to stay strong and never stop believing in the power of togetherness. We look forward to seeing our students soon.

Sincerely,

**Mr. Griffin**

GFSD Superintendent

#### **Questions from concerned parents**

- Will All FIMS students remain in the same classroom/desk all day?  
Answer: FIMS students will remain in their same classroom and desk all day. The teachers will rotate to the various classroom.
- How will lunch and breakfast be served in school?  
Answer: All students will eat breakfast, snack, and lunch in their classroom
- What kind of Protection do you have in the classrooms?  
Answer: Sneeze Guards will be installed on each desk.
- Will you require students to wash their hands regularly?  
Answer: We have installed more sinks on campus for hand washing. There will be one large hand washing equipment available for students to wash their hands frequency.
- Will my child's temperature be monitored?  
Answer: Students' temperature will be read upon entering the school.
- Do I need to home school my child or enroll my child in a home school program?  
Answer: No, the Griffin Foundation already offers your child "**Free - No Cost**" Live online home school educational programs taught by highly qualified teachers. Parents will be allowed to sign an agreement for their child/children to checkout a Tablet for home and school use. There is no need to seek outside Home School services or you provide these services yourself. The Griffin Foundation Schools will provide all your child's educational needs.

#### **Mitigation Plan - COVID-19 School Requirements**

- Students are required to wear a Face Mask.
- Practice social distancing.
- Stay home when you are sick/fever 100 degree or higher.
- Check students' temperature before entering school.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) and immediately throw the tissue in the trash.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Sneeze Guards are installed on each desk.

**Mail or Return survey to GFSD drop-off box in front of school**

Name of Parent: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**GFSD Survey Sheet 2020-2021**

1. How many children are you enrolling? \_\_\_\_\_
2. List the name, grade, and a.) Full-Time live Remote/Home School instruction or b.) Hybrid: Mixture of Onsite - Classroom Learning and live Remote/Home School classes?

<b><u>Student Name</u></b>	<b><u>Grade/School</u></b>	<b><u>Learning Option</u></b> <i>(a or b)</i>
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3. Would you prefer to enroll your child in our Full-Time: Live Remote-Home School educational Program, Yes or No? \_\_\_\_\_

4. Would you prefer to enroll your child in our Hybrid: On-campus Classroom Learning Program (2 days) **and** Live Remote/Home School Classes (3 days) Y/N? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Do you have high speed internet services in your home for your child online instruction Y/N? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Do you have **access** to high speed internet service that can be used by your child for instruction (Mon-Fri) Y/N? \_\_\_\_\_
7. Do you have a computer, laptop, tablet, etc. with a **camera** that can be used by **each** child for instruction (Mon-Fri) Y/N? \_\_\_\_\_
8. If you will be **registering more than one child** to attend a Griffin Foundation School, do you have a computer, laptop, or tablet for **each child** Y/N? \_\_\_\_\_
9. If you answered No, to questions 5, 6, 7, or 8, we will be in contact you to give assistance and provide additional information. If you have special circumstances involving your situation and wish to speak to us, please provide us with your telephone number. \_\_\_\_\_