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School Reopening/COVID-19 Protocol

Learning Foundation “Back to Basics”

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In compliance with the Governor’s executive order to delay the opening of school buildings. schools will begin the school year as scheduled on August 6, with online/distance learning for all students enrolled in our four schools. CAFA Inc. schools will follow all guidelines listed in Executive Orders 2020-41 and 2020-51 as well as comply with all rules adopted by the Arizona State Board for Charter Schools for distance learning.

COVID-19 continues to be a fluid situation that requires our schools to be flexible as plans can change with unforeseen circumstances and governing decisions. Each school will communicate specific details regarding required academic instruction and teaching plans for their students.

All CAFA Inc. schools will follow the general protocols outlined below.

SCHOOL INFORMATION:

- The first day of school will resume as scheduled on Thursday, August 6, with online/distance learning.
- During building closure all CAFA Inc. Schools will be open regular school hours excluding holidays.
- Students engaged in online or remote learning who need a place to go during the day will be provided educational and support services on campus. This includes access to the internet to participate in their courses, lunch service, and support for technical and educational questions.
- Transition to in-person classes will be offered beginning on the date the building closure is lifted by state officials.
- Students will have the opportunity to remain with online/distance learning. Guidelines regarding future transition opportunities to in-person classes will be communicated to parents by each school.
- CAFA Inc. schools will notify parents using email, text blasts or phone calls to provide the most up-to-date and thorough information.

SAFETY and HEALTH

Enhanced protocols for reopening buildings

- Minimize access to the campus by those who are not students or staff.
- Provide pre-designated entry and exit plans.
- Close and lock all gates that are not staffed at drop off and pick up times.
- Hand sanitizer available in all classrooms, multipurpose/cafeteria spaces.
- Plexiglas shields installed in all school main offices.
- Daily student schedules may be modified to minimize the number of class changes per day to decrease the chances of exposure.
- Smaller class sizes to allow for greater social distancing.
- Desks configured to maximize space between students.

- Desks and chairs will be sanitized/disinfected after each class.
- Hallways and stairwells will consist of only one-way foot traffic to minimize congestion.
- Hand sanitizer stations will be located in high-traffic areas and outside of each classroom.
- Restroom usage will be controlled in order to minimize crowds whenever possible.
- Use of shared materials will be limited/eliminated when feasible. When not possible, materials will be sanitized before each use.
- Good hygiene practices to students via signage throughout the school sites.
- Masks, gloves, and face shields are available at each site.

Face Coverings

- In compliance with Maricopa County, City and Town Guidelines, all students (kindergarten and above) and patrons are required to wear face coverings on school grounds where persons are unable to maintain continuous physical distancing of 6 feet or more.
 - Cloth face coverings are exempted for anyone who has trouble breathing, is unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance, or has severe health issues whereby a mask is deemed harmful by a medical doctor or other healthcare professional

Cleaning and Disinfecting

- Enhanced training for all custodians.
- Increased cleaning and disinfecting throughout the day on all high touch/high traffic areas; doors, counters, sinks, and other horizontal surfaces.
- Restroom and Health Office touchpoint areas will be disinfected twice daily.
- Guidelines and supplies for cleaning desk and table provided to each classroom teacher. (Desks and chairs will be sanitized/disinfected after each class.)
- Signage for safe hygiene and handwashing posted by all classroom sinks and restrooms.
- Students will be asked to bring their own water bottles. No direct drinking from fountains.

Elementary Lunch Operations

- Stagger classes to arrive in cafeteria to maintain distancing when lining-up.
- Students must wash hands prior to arrival in cafeteria.
- Mark ground with footprints or stickers to ensure distancing.
- Adjust seating to allow increased social distancing.
- Cafeteria staff serves all items to students vs. self-selection.
- All items will either be individually wrapped or contained in an enclosed container for transport.
- Students may bring lunch from home.

Secondary Lunch Operations

- Stagger students to arrive in cafeteria to maintain social distancing.
- Cafeterias remain open longer hours to allow students to pick up food outside of normal lunch periods to reduce number of students at one period.
- Require hand washing or hand sanitizer prior to arrival in cafeteria.
- Install hand sanitizer stations at entrances of the cafeteria.
- Mark ground with footprints or stickers to ensure distancing.
- All items will either be individually wrapped or contained in an enclosed container for transport.
- Students may bring lunch from home.
- Students may remain in cafeteria with distancing, hallways, and other open spaces or may return to classrooms to consume lunches with principal approval.

Transportation

Buses and Cleanliness:

- All buses have been completely disinfected and sanitized and will be disinfected daily after all morning and afternoon routes.

- There will be assigned seating on all buses with siblings required to sit together. Otherwise, seating will be spaced to maximize social distancing efforts.
- Any student who has visible symptoms may not enter the bus; buses will maintain visible signage by the entry of every bus.
- Parents must emphasize with their child the social distancing protocol while at bus stops and, if possible, have students wait in vehicle until bus arrives.

Health Education for Staff:

- All employees will be trained on health and safety protocols.
- Staff temperatures will be taken daily to minimize possible spread.
- Staff will teach and reinforce proper hygiene and sanitation practices.

Management of ill students:

- Isolate ill students from well students and staff and reduce frequency of non-health related visits to the health offices.
- Parents are responsible for determining their child's health status before arriving at school.
- Students will be required to stay/go home should they present any symptoms of illness.
- Health staff will stay updated on COVID-19 information.
- Students are expected to follow the exclusion and return to school guidelines set forth by the State and County Health Departments.
- Check in with health staff upon returning after illness.
- If a student is tested positive for coronavirus the district/school will follow CDC and AZ State Health Department Guidelines.
 - The school will immediately notify parents using email, text blasts or phone calls to provide the most up-to-date and thorough information.

Performing Arts:

- Only small productions/showcases will take place during the Fall semester in order to keep students and audience members safe and allow for social distancing.
- Decisions regarding Spring performances will be made later in the school year based on guidance from the Arizona Department of Education and state health officials.

Athletics/Extracurriculars

- Currently high school sports are still planned to take place this school year with additional guidelines in place. Some guidelines may include a limited number of spectators, extensive sanitation, and use of masks when not actively participating.
- The Canyon Athletic Association will continue to provide guidance to member schools as the school year approaches.

After school clubs, activities, and classes:

- Extracurricular activities will be available at all schools as long as they do not place students and staff at greater risk of infection.

CAFA Inc. district and schools will continue to remain in close communication with state government and health agencies for guidance. CAFA Inc. ensures our schools are prepared to meet the needs of all students enrolled in our district.

