



September 4, 2020

Dear Laveen Families,

As we wrap up our fifth week of school, I want to thank you for the patience and support you have shown our staff and each other. We know the move to online/distance learning has been challenging and has required many adjustments from families and staff members alike.

As we look forward to safely reopening our schools for in-person, on-site instruction, we are following guidance provided by the Arizona Department of Health Services and the Maricopa County Department of Public Health. Both agencies recommend that school districts meet the following three benchmarks *for two consecutive weeks* before offering the option of on-site instruction (please note that we use Laveen School District data, not data from the entire county):

1. Case Rate of fewer than 100 cases per 100,000 population within the Laveen School District
2. Percent Positivity less than 7% within the Laveen School District
3. COVID-Like Illness hospital visits below 10% within Maricopa County

Each Thursday, we receive updated data, and yesterday's data was as follows:

Date	Cases Per 100K	Percent Positivity	% COVID-like Illness
Benchmark	<100	<7%	<10%
8/2/20	113.89	15.13%	3.00%
8/9/20	106.17	11.48%	3.00%
8/16/20	59.84	7.37%	2.00%

\*Data covers the two-week period ending 12 days earlier.

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The good news is that the data is trending towards the Laveen School District meeting the public health benchmarks. We will monitor the data for another few weeks to ensure the trend continues. We are hopeful that we can safely begin the on-site instruction option after Fall Break (October 12).

**In order to plan appropriately for the correct number of students on campus, we are asking families to recommit to one of the [Four Schooling Options](#) as presented in July.** Your child's teacher will be contacting you to find out which option your child will be participating in. Again, the four options are:

- Daily On-Site Learning (Full-Day, Every-Day at School)
- Estrella Foothills Global Academy (Grades K-6, class sizes capped at 18 students)
- Flexible Distance Learning (students will participate in classes online with the option to return to in-person learning after Winter Break)
- Full Online Learning (students will continue online learning through May 2021)

Please note: We will be offering daily on-site learning for developmental preschool and self-contained special education classes. Tuition-based preschool is also expected to begin on-site instruction at this time; more information is forthcoming.

We are asking families to finalize their schooling option with their child's teacher by Friday, September 11. This information will be used to make staffing adjustments. We will make an effort to minimize changing your child's current teacher(s), but there will be some class changes necessary to accommodate parent choices.

Please visit our [Return to Laveen webpage](#) for more information, answers to frequently asked questions, and mitigation strategies.

Sincerely,



Dr. Jeff Sprout, Superintendent

