

Superintendent's Office

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we navigate this fluid situation together. I wanted to pause a moment with you and continue to emphasize that we are here to help. We know that many of you may be struggling with employment, had to make new arrangements at home and have been placed in very challenging situations. In the near future, a WESD staff member will be reaching out to you to check in on you and your family. We will work with you to provide resources, update your contact information and let you know WESD cares.

Resources for Families

We know that many of our families are facing a variety of challenges. The Web site, **arizonatogether.org**, provides many resources for families including mental health, employment, financial assistance, community resources and options for Internet access, to name a few. The Web site, **211arizona.org** also provides resources for families including clothing, housing, health and dental, support groups and family services. Additionally, Teen LifeLine is great resource for students who may need someone to reach out to at www.teenlifeline.org or 602-248-8336. For parents who need emotional support, the National Parent Helpline is available at 1-855-427-2736. The WESD Social Services Department, including school social workers, are available remotely through email, available on school Web sites, and will be checking voicemail regularly, if you need assistance.

If you have any questions or are in need of resources, please email our Social Services Department at <u>socialservices@wesdschools.org</u> or call 602-347-2636.

Grab and Go Meal Program

In our first four weeks, WESD has served <u>over 220,000 meals</u>! We recently moved to pick up once a week, where students receive five days worth of food. This once-a-week pickup will continue on Tuesdays from 10:00 a.m. until noon at the following 13 locations:

Acacia Elementary	3021 W. Evans Drive, Phoenix, AZ 85053
Cholla Middle School	3120 W. Cholla Street, Phoenix, AZ 85029
Desert View Elementary	8621 N. 3rd Street, Phoenix, AZ 85020
Maryland School	6503 N. 21st Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85015
Mountain View School	801 W. Peoria, Phoenix, AZ 85029
Ocotillo Elementary	3225 W. Ocotillo, Phoenix, AZ 85017
Orangewood School	7337 N. 19th Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85021
Richard E. Miller	2021 W. Alice, Phoenix, AZ 85021
Elementary	

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Roadrunner Elementary	7702 N. 39th Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85051
Shaw Butte Elementary	12202 N. 21st Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85029
Sunnyslope School	245 E. Mountain View Road, Phoenix, AZ 85020
Sunset Elementary	4626 W. Mountain View Road, Glendale, AZ 85302
Washington Elementary	8033 N. 27th Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85051

If you have questions about the Grab and Go Meal Program, please email Nicole Augustine at <u>Nicole.augustine@wesdschools.org</u> or call 602-896-5240.

Chromebook and Packet Distribution

At this week's distribution, we provided <u>over 4600 Chromebooks</u> to our WESD families! We received many of your questions and needs and are reviewing them now. We will update you shortly. We will continue to provide packets each Thursday from 10:30 to noon at each of our 32 schools.

Please go to our WESD website at <u>www.wesdschools.org/students</u> for virtual, challenging, gifted and fun opportunities for all ages.

If you have questions about the Chromebooks or packets, please email wesdcommserv@wesdschools.org or call 602-347-2600.

Thank you for your patience and understanding during this time. If you have any questions, please email <u>wesdcommserv@wesdschools.org</u> or call 602-347-2600. We are here to help you.

Sincerely,

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