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Dear CJSJ Families,

I hope this email finds you well and you are staying cool in the summer heat. We held a Summit with various stakeholders (certified, classified, admin., parents), where we reviewed our family survey data and worked on various “considerations” to address when we do return safely to campus. I thank everyone for their input, especially those who completed our online survey. Four teacher-working groups have been formed to tackle the complex issues we are facing: Health/Safety, Online Learning, Curriculum Delivery/Scheduling, Operations.

As you already know, Gov. Ducey has delayed the re-opening of school for in-person learning until August 17th. As I stated in my last update we are finalizing our plans and I wanted to give you a little more insight into our models.

In Person Learning model

- We will open up our campus to students for in-person learning when allowed to do so by the Governor and local authorities. The safety and well-being of our educational community will be our top priority and we will have mitigation strategies in place including social distancing guidelines, face covering protocols, cleaning and sanitizing schedules, procedures for transporting students safely and other protocols under development. A detailed plan will be communicated prior to the beginning of the school year. As mentioned, Governor Ducey has announced that the In-person learning model is currently delayed until August 17th.

Distance Learning model

- Clarkdale-Jerome School plans to begin instruction for students aligning with our school calendar using the Distance Learning model. All students will be learning online from our teachers using Google classroom. We will continue utilizing our core curriculum and supplemental support programs (i.e. Reading Street, GoMath). Distance Learning may be implemented intermittently if the school has to be shut down during the academic year. If we are not able to have the In Person Learning model open, the Distance Learning model will begin immediately.

Flexible Learning model

- We have partnered with Edgenuity to create the **Clarkdale-Jerome Online Learning Academy**. Students who are not comfortable returning to In Person Learning may choose this option. Edgenuity online learning will be supplemented with videoconferencing with Clarkdale-Jerome Teachers, participation in extra-curricular/co-curricular activities and access to services on campus if needed. Enrollment between the Clarkdale-Jerome Online Learning Academy and our Clarkdale-Jerome School In Person model is flexible with monthly (K-5) or quarterly (6-8) start dates. When switching to In Person Learning, students will return to their assigned classroom teacher. Students may move from the In Person model to the Online Academy at any time during the school year. Your student will receive learning support through a different Clarkdale-Jerome School teacher in the Online Learning Academy.

We would like to hear from you about your potential plans for the upcoming school year. We have created an online form for you to complete via this link: <https://forms.gle/8xvCvnX86jSg9vJw8>

With both of our online learning models, we will have devices available for student checkout and we are working on internet service options for our parents. These models will also require attendance be taken and grades to be assigned (we are awaiting on ADE guidance). It will be very different from last spring as increased rigor and accountability will be essential for student success.

We will be contacting everyone within the next two weeks as a follow up and assist with answering any questions you might have. I want to assure everyone that you will get plenty of support within our online learning platforms as we move into the school year. You will get a chance to meet individually with your classroom teacher prior to the beginning of the school year, so you can ask questions and get clarification on our detailed re-opening plan (coming soon).

Stay safe and we will be in touch.

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