Dear Osborn families,

We have been proud to serve our community during this time of pandemic by keeping public health and safety as a priority. I want to take a moment to provide you with our updated mitigation strategies going into the 2021-2022 school year. We will publish this formally next week as well as send out a video message to the community. But as we are fast approaching the start of the school year, I felt it important to get out word on our safety strategies as quickly as possible. Here are the highlights:

- **Face coverings are mandated** in school settings, for all staff, students, and parents indoors on campus. We will continue to provide face masks in all district offices, schools, and classrooms should anyone forget. Parents who wish to opt out may fill out a form in the health office at their school.
- Face masks **are required** on Osborn buses. Our bus drivers will be prepared to provide a face mask to any student who forgets theirs for the ride to or from school.
- **Health checks/screenings** should be conducted at home and will be again at school. Any student with symptoms of illness should remain at home. We will not check temperatures in classrooms unless a student displays symptoms of illness.
- Unvaccinated staff and students exposed to COVID will be asked to **quarantine** in accordance to guidance from the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS).
- Students and staff will maintain a **social distance** of 3 feet as best as possible throughout the day. Plexiglas will be on desks that are arranged for cooperative learning opportunities. In the cafeteria we will continue all students facing one direction and separated by 3 feet.
- Parents will be given the option for their child to participate in weekly **pooled testing** that will help us mitigate and track the spread of COVID.
- During the school day, we will work to ensure grade level **cohorts** to allow school administration to conduct rapid contact tracing.
- Knowing our students are in need of lots of services, our partner agencies will be allowed to send **vaccinated** service providers to work in our schools again. This will allow for tutoring, counseling and social services, and many other important services to resume for the benefit of our students.
- We will **not have community events** on campus until after fall break. However, school mitigation teams will determine ways to bring invited groups of parents onto campus for curriculum, learning, and other services, including IEP meetings, parent education, conferences, etc.
- We will continue to update the district **Active Cases COVID Dashboard** and provide important resources on our website.

Thank you for your support and patience with us as we have worked to keep all staff, students, and community members safe. Your feedback and input is valued and welcomed. Feel free to contact me at (602) 707-2002 or mrobert@osbornsd.org should you wish to share thoughts of concerns.

Respectfully,

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Superintendent