



NAVAJO PREPARATORY SCHOOL, INC.

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March 24, 2020

Dear Navajo Prep Students and Families,

I hope you are all practicing social distancing and are enjoying your family time at home. We are in trying times and there is much uncertainty as the coronavirus has altered our daily lives. Please know that I miss you and feel the weight of our school closure deeply. I am thankful for virtual opportunities to connect with my Admin Team, which has also allowed me to practice remote learning.

Navajo Nation President Nez placed all Navajo reservation communities under a Shelter-in-Place and Governor Lujan Grisham initiated a Stay-at -Home order. This has informed Navajo Prep ‘s decision to close our campus for three additional weeks from April 6, 2020 – April 24, 2020. Tentatively, classes will resume on April 27, 2020. This is a challenging time for our nation and communities, but we have to maintain strong and united as a NPS community.

Please rest assured that full-time and part-time staff will continue to be paid as normal, as long as you continue to report to work virtually. You will be asked to create a Telework Plan with your supervisor. We are aware that telework plans will be different for each department. Hourly employees will continue to clock in through their computers. Our goal is to uphold the current academic school calendar and honor all existing contract end dates, so we do not have to extend the school year.

This week we are working diligently to create a distance learning plan that will support our student’s academic interests and school mission and calling all students to perform a wellness check. These wellness checks will help us to determine how our students are doing emotionally, what support they might need, and the extent of their technology resources. We will use the data collected through these wellness checks to determine a realistic distance learning plan is feasible for all of our students. Teachers, once we have collected this information from students, we will be reaching out to discuss the best way to move forward with instruction.

In an effort to slow the spread of the coronavirus and maintain the safety of our school, Navajo Prep is closed to the public and to all employees with the exception of essential staff i.e. Security and Maintenance. If you need to access the school, please call Stacy Irwin or myself to obtain approval to enter the facility. The school has been sanitized and is ready for students. We hope to return to campus to finish out the school year, but are doing everything we can to maintain the health and safety of our community.

Sincerely,

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