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TRI-DISTRICT COLLABORATION PROMOTES HEALTHY MEALS FOR COMMUNITY'S CHILDREN

AGUA FRIA, AVONDALE, LITCHFIELD DISTRICT SCHOOLS, Ariz. - Agua Fria Union High School District is partnering with Avondale and Litchfield Elementary School Districts to ensure children have access to healthy meals during Arizona's school closure. Student safety and wellness are of the utmost priority and the tridistrict collaboration protects children from food insecurity.

Both elementary districts are offering Grab & Go meals to any child age 18 and under, no matter where they live. With two nutritious meals in one convenient location, all children can have a healthy breakfast and a healthy lunch each weekday while schools are closed due to COVID-19. Children must be present at time of pick up.

Agua Fria Union High School District superintendent Dr. Dennis Runyan says, "Our high schoolers have grown up in the Avondale and Litchfield Schools. It's only natural that our districts would work together to meet the needs of our community's students, especially in times of crisis."

Avondale Elementary School District will offer Grab & Go meals from 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM at the sites listed below. Learn more at www.avondale.k12.az.us.

Avondale Middle School Eliseo C. Felix School
Centerra Mirage STEM Academy Lattie Coor School
Desert Thunder School Michael Anderson School

Desert Star School Wildflower Accelerated Academy

Litchfield Elementary School District will offer Grab & Go meals at the following four schools from 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM. Meals will also be distributed at varying times at three bus stops and an apartment complex. Learn more at www.lesd.k12.az.us.

Barbara B. Robey Elementary School Claremont Avenue Bus Stop, 9:00 AM – 9:50 AM Corte Sierra Elementary School Maryland Avenue Bus Stop, 9:00 AM - 9:50 AM

Wigwam Creek Middle School Luke Air Force Base Housing Bus Stop, 10:00 AM - 10:50 AM Rancho Santa Fe Elementary School Bella Mirage / 3800 Lux Apartments, 10:00 AM - 10:50 AM

Runyan adds, "These unprecedented times can be upsetting to children whose routines have been disrupted. Healthy food in a familiar environment can go a long way in helping our students stay safe and healthy."

The meals are offered at no cost to families. This program is 100% funded by the USDA.