March 13, 2020

All Staff, Families, and Students,

As we approach the end of spring break we hope your time has been well spent and relaxing. This week has been a very busy one for all of us at the district level and in the greater learning community. Based on the input we received through a major review process concerning the COVID-19 and potential spread concerns we are aware a growing number of districts are closing schools for a temporary time period. After gathering all of the relevant information and feedback we are working with the school board to delay the return of students to the AFUHSD schools for two weeks running March 16th through March 27th. We currently anticipate likely passage of this recommendation by the board this Saturday. **This is a reverse statement from my earlier communications and reflects a professional collaboration of educational leaders, health experts, and concerned families.** Enclosed please find some points for your planning moving forward:

**All AFUHSD students will not report to classes on Monday March 16th through Friday March 27th:**

We will review conditions and update plans for further notice on March 26th concerning the reopening of schools. We are working to incorporate online instructional access for teachers and students but need to run some additional testing Monday and Tuesday. Students would access through their chrome books or home computers when available. Families/students/teachers will receive an update on this opportunity from curriculum services on Tuesday. Exceptional students and their families will also receive and update for service planning Tuesday.

All teachers and classified staff will extend their Spring Break for 2 days (Monday and Tuesday) with further direction from direct supervisors Tuesday afternoon via e-mail. We are working on compensation structures to assist classified staff potentially displaced by this schedule and will communicate as we know more about options.

All 12 month employees classified and administrative staff will report to work Monday as normal for updates and planning information. Report to your normal work site.

Remember all non-essential activities remain cancelled through March as previously discussed.

We will be developing a Q and A for families and staff which will be posted to the district website starting Tuesday.

Administrators will be working Monday and will update staff accordingly.

Depending on the department of education evaluation, and required seat time, the school year could be extended if required by the state of Arizona.

Dr. Dennis Runyan
AFUHSD Superintendent