July 29, 2020

Dear Families of Patagonia Public Schools,

This school year is going to start in a Distance Learning situation. The way that distance learning will be done this school year will be far different than the Distance Learning that took place during the 4th quarter of the 19-20 school year. There will be synchronous learning combined with asynchronous learning; which is to say that students will be required to be online in virtual meetings with their teachers at certain times and will also have times that they will work on supplemental material. This means that it is imperative that you have the appropriate technology along with internet access for this to happen. If your children need Chromebooks, we will provide those, if you need the internet, we may be able to provide a hotspot for you to use.

If your student is too young to stay home alone and both parents are working we will have a safe room on campus for them to participate in Distance Learning. We do have limited space so please only send your student if it is absolutely necessary. If you decide to send your child to the safe room it is a full-time commitment and we will expect them in the safe room every day for their instruction. We will be screening all individuals that come on campus for symptoms and will not allow them on campus if they have any COVID-19 symptoms.

We will be providing a survey for you to let us know if you find it acceptable for your student to participate in distance learning, or if they will need access to a safe room. The survey will also let us know if you need technology or food services. We will be able to provide resources on Aug. 12-14 if you need to come pick Chromebooks up. If you have not returned your Chromebook from last school year you need to bring it back for updates ASAP. All students with IEPs/504 Plans will be provided their services whether they are on campus or using distance learning. We will also be providing meal services for all students, but there will be a charge this school year, unlike the end of last year.

I have provided an example of an Elementary daily schedule for you so you will understand more closely what a typical day will look like. The teachers will have the final say on their exact schedule, but it will be similar to this example. The MS/HS students will follow their traditional bell schedule and will be expected to be present online for their appropriate class times. I have also provided their schedule as well.

We will be sending out a survey for HS/MS students to choose their electives. It is imperative that we have your correct phone number and email address on file at this time, so please make sure to keep that information updated with the school.

We hope to be back in face to face classrooms as soon as possible, therefore we will not be staying online for a set amount of time. We will be watching the number of cases and making a decision as we go. It will take 14 days of fewer cases being reported for us to make the decision for opening up the school. We will then give you a 2-week warning about the opening of our campus. This means the first appropriate time we would be able to open up campus would be Sept. 14th. We will keep you updated on what the plans are in the near future. I want to remind you that if we decide to do in-person instruction you will still be able to do distance learning with your students if you so choose.

It is important that our students practice social distancing. They should not be gathering in any way, shape, or

form during this time. Please discourage this practice. Their family, community, and personal safety is imperative. The best way to ensure this is to follow the guidelines provided, and there is a comprehensive list on the CDC website.

- Wash your hands regularly with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer
- Refrain from touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Do not make close contact with sick individuals.
- If you are sick, stay home.
- Cover coughs or sneezes with a tissue and throw the tissue away.
- Clean and disinfect objects that are frequently touched.
- If someone in your family tested positive for COVID-19, keep that entire household at home.
- Wear cloth face covering when social distancing is not possible.

To reduce the spread of the virus, the school campus is closed to non-essential personnel. Please avoid campus unless you need to pick up supplies for your children. There is up to date information on the Arizona Department of Health Services website about the spread and prevalence of COVID-19 in Arizona and Santa Cruz County.

Please also be aware that with students being online more for instruction purposes, there has been an increase in child predators targeting these actions. Please make sure that your students are doing their work and not visiting inappropriate websites.

Sincerely,

Kenneth Hayes Superintendent Patagonia Public Schools (605) 480-0112 khayes@patagonia.k12.az.us

SAMPLE SCHEDULE FOR ELEMENTARY REMOTE/AT HOME LEARNING Monday Tentative Schedule: 8:30-9:00 Google Meet/Whole Group for Reading Overview for the week and whole group lesson 9:00-9:30 Students will be working in Accelerated Reader & school purchased supplemental resources. 9:30-10:00 Social Studies Activity (Videos will be used rather than Google Meets.) 10:00-10:30 **Exercise Break** Google Meet/Whole Group for Math Overview for the week and whole group lesson 10:30-11:00 Students will be working on activities from PES; (Supplemental Resources, GoMath etc.) 11:00-11:30 11:30-12:00 12:00-12:30 Google Meet/Whole Group for Writing Activity 12:30-1:00 Students will continue working on a writing activity. 1:00-1:30 Art Activity 1:30-2:30 Science Activity (Videos will be used rather than Google Meets.) 2:30-3:15 Wellness Corner (Videos will be provided by the Wellness Coordinator) Tuesday-Thursday Tentative Schedule: 8:15-10:15 **ELA Groups Virtual** 8:15-8:45 (small group #1) 9:00-9:30 (small group #2) 9:45-10:15 (small group #3) Students will be working in supplemental resources when they are not in small groups 10:15-10:30 Exercise Break 10:30-11:15 Tier II Small Groups for ELA (2-3 groups at 10-15 minutes each) 11:15-11:45 Lunch 11:45-1:45 Math Groups Virtual 11:45-12:15 (small group #1) 12:30-1:00 (small group #2) 1:15-1:45 (small group #3) 1:45-2:30 Tier II Small Groups for Math (2-3 small groups at 10-15 minutes each) 2:30-3:00 Tuesday: Science Assignment Wednesday: Writing Assignments Thursday: Social Studies Assignment Friday Tentative Schedule: Google Meet/Whole Group for Reading Review 8:30-9:00 9:00-9:30 Students will be working on Supplemental assignments provided on Clever app. 9:30-10:00 Music Activity 10:00-10:30 Google Meet/Whole Group for Math Review Students will be working on activities from PES; (Supplemental Resources) 10:30-11:00 11:00-11:30 Lunch 11:30-12:00 Google Meet/Whole Group Writing Activity Share/Discussion

- Teachers will monitor student assignments and respond to parent emails throughout the school day.)
- Face-to-face meeting times for the whole group and small group instruction will be determined by the individual teachers.
- All students participating virtually will meet twice during the week, approximately 30 minutes, for whole group instruction in Math and Reading
- All students will meet in small groups, virtually, two or three times each week for Math and Reading
- Students who have a specialized plan (IEP, ILEP, etc.) will receive services scheduled by the teacher.

| Junior/High School | | | | | | | | |
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| Class Schedule 2020-2021 | | | | | | | | |
| | Period 1 | Nutrition Break | Period 2 | Period 3 | MS Lunch | HS Lunch Extension | Period 4 | Period 5 |
| | 8:15 - 8:45 | 8:45 - 9:00 | 9:00 - 10:30 | 10:35 - 12:05 | 12:05 - 12:35 | 12:35 - 1:05 | 12:40/1:10 - 2:10 | 2:15 - 3:15 |
| 6 | Leadership | | M/W - Social Studies 6 T/TH - Science 6 | English 6 | | Math 6 | | Elective |
| 7 | Leadership | | English 7 | Math 7 | | M/W - Science 7 T/TH - Social Studies 7 | | Elective |
| 8 | Leadership | | Math 8 | M/W - Social Studies 8 T/TH - Science 8 | | English 8 | | Elective |
| 9 | Leadership | | M/W - Biology T/TH - Math 1 | M/W - English 1 T/TH - Govt./Econ | | Remediation | Elective | Elective |
| 10 | Leadership | | M/W - Math 2 T/TH - Biology | M/W - World History T/TH - English 2 | | Remediation | Elective | Elective |
| 11 | Leadership | | M/W - DC English 11 T/TH - DC US History | M/W - Math 3 T/TH - Chemistry | | Remediation | Elective | Elective |
| 12 | Leadership | | M/W - Govt./Econ (12) T/TH - English 12 | M/W - Chemistry T/TH -Pre-Calculus | | Remediation | Elective | Elective |

Here is the link to inform the school district of your intentions with your student for the beginning of the year. Please fill this out ASAP. You also need to make sure and register your students with the appropriate school district.

https://forms.gle/j124PLjuaZ7Wj5VN6