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EMERGENCY BOARD MEETING September 3rd, 2021 @ 2:00pm

Call to Order:

New Business:

Revised COVID policies for the 2021-22 school year.

Because of the availability of vaccines, guidelines from the Governor of Arizona, belief that children 's parents need to be in control of their child's educational experiences we the governing board of Franklin Phonetic Primary School adopt the following COVID policies for the 2021-2022 school year. (If you agree with the policy signify by responding to this email with agreement. If you disagree with this policy it can be changed and amended at the board meeting on September 3rd, 2021 at 2 pm).

Adjourn meeting:

Next Meeting is September 30th, 2021

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If a confirmed COVID 19 case occurs in a classroom of a teacher or student parents will be informed immediately by letter, email or phone message . No names will be given and messages will only be given to the parents of affected students . This will allow parents the option of seeking medical attention for their child , quarantining them for a period of time , or continuing to allow their child attend school while watching for symptoms .

The room will be aired for 24 hours and disinfected as per CDC requirements . Students or staff who show symptoms will be temperature checked and their families will be specifically notified but those who do not exhibit signs of disease will be taught in a different area until families can make the decision about attendance.

Even if directly exposed, a vaccinated teacher or staff member will be allowed to continue working unless they develop symptoms of Covid 19 or feel that they need to quarantine. In this case the usual sick day policies as outlined in the employee handbook will apply.

Parents must report positive Covid cases of students who are attending the school to the school's health office. A sample notification letter is attached.

Parents of students or teachers that have had a significant first hand exposure will be directly contacted by phone. This might include students observed in direct physical contact in a science lab or those sitting directly next to a student in band class etc. but again privacy of infected individuals will be considered.

At this time we will not be taking temperatures at drop off but students or staff who are showing symptoms will be sent to the health office for further investigation.

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Positive Case of COVID-19 in Classroom

Dear Franklin Phonetic School, Inc. Families,

The purpose of this letter is to inform, not alarm you. Safety of our students and staff is top priority. Today, we received notification that an individual has tested positive for COVID-19. While we must protect the privacy of the person involved, we believe it is best to communicate transparently with you so you can make well-informed decisions for your family.

There is nothing more important to FPPS than the safety and health of our students, our staff, and their families. We are working directly with county health officials to address this situation. Pursuant to state and county health department guidelines, staff and administration of Franklin Phonetic School, Inc. have contacted the students and/or employees believed to have been in close contact with the positive case so that those individuals may take appropriate protective measures.

Please note, this letter is a general notification of a confirmed positive COVID-19 case in your student's classroom and is informational only and no other action is needed. Primary contacts have been notified by phone from the Yavapai Department of Public Health Services or a designated FPPS employee.

FPPS will continue to follow all COVID-related safety procedures including social distancing where possible, and strict cleaning/disinfecting guidelines in all spaces.

COVID-19 is transmitted through person-to-person contact and through the exchange of respiratory droplets. As more cases are being confirmed across the state, including in our community, we must be vigilant. Symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, cough and shortness of breath, diarrhea, vomiting, chills, congestion or runny nose, headache, muscle or body aches, nausea, sore throat or new loss of taste or smell. If you or any member of your family exhibit these symptoms, please contact your medical provider for advice immediately. Symptoms usually appear 2-14 days after exposure.

The CDC recommends the following best practices to help prevent the spread of COVID-19:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Use alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available.
- Avoid close contact with those who are sick.

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- Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue or your sleeve.
- Avoid touching your eyes, mouth, and nose.
- Disinfect frequently touched surfaces and objects.
- Stay at home when you are sick.
- Practice social distancing
- Wear a cloth mask in public when you cannot socially distance.

Our greatest priority is the safety of our students, staff, and community members. We are grateful for the opportunity to serve you and your family, especially as we face this challenging situation together. Thank you for your support of FPPS.

Sincerely,

Franklin Phonetic School, Inc.