



September 18, 2020

Dear Salt River Schools Families,

I hope this letter reaches you well. Congratulations on making it to the eighth week of school! As we near the end of our first quarter, I am so proud of how students and families, as well as our staff and Community, have rallied to make this a safe and successful school year, despite the many challenges and unknowns created by the [COVID-19 pandemic](#).

Salt River Schools will resume in-person classes once we are permitted to do so by the SRPMIC Tribal Council; **on Friday, Sept. 18, tribal leaders announced they will continue with Essential Services operations through at least October 4.** We will reopen once the Community enters Phase 2 of its [Return to Work Plan](#). We are in close communication with many health and education agencies, and we are confident that our reopening will be safe, flexible, and productive for everyone who walks through our doors. We will update you as more information becomes available. Please know Salt River Schools is here for you:

- **The Salt River Schools website—along with the websites for the [ECEC](#), [SRES](#), and [ALA](#)—is the best way to stay updated with all our happenings.** Visit www.SaltRiverSchools.org.
- The [ECEC](#) distributes learning materials and resources to families every Monday from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 3:30-5:30 p.m. at the drive-up in front of the school. Call/email your child's teacher or Family Advocate for more information. The Higher Education and NYCP Literacy for All programs are teaming up to give away [book bags for adults](#) during the next several ECEC distribution days. The first 50 adults on Sept. 28 will receive a free bag!
- [SRES](#) distributes work packets every Monday and Tuesday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Completed packets from the previous week may be dropped off at this time, as well. This is a drive-up service and someone will meet you at your vehicle. Outside of these times, homework packets can be placed in the gray mail box outside the front office (Center Street entrance). Issues with student technology can be directed to your teacher.
- [FREE meals are available to all youth 18 and younger](#) Monday-Friday from 10-11:30 a.m. at the ECEC (enter along Center Street). Delivery options are available to families living within the Salt River/Lehi boundaries. [More information can be found here.](#)
- [Salt River Schools will be closed \(NO SCHOOL\) on Friday, Sept. 25](#), for the SRPMIC Native American Recognition Days holiday. **We will celebrate NARD with treats and cultural pride on Thursday, Sept. 24, at the meal distribution site at the ECEC from 10-11:30 a.m.** Wear your regalia, brush up on your Indigenous language(s), and have some fun!
- The [Higher Education](#) program will host an Orientation event on [Facebook Live](#) on Wednesday, Sept. 30, at 3 p.m. (you do not need to have a Facebook account to view the live feed). It will be recorded and posted on the Higher Education website for later viewing.
- [Fall Break is October 5-9 \(NO SCHOOL\).](#)
- A drive-up [flu shot clinic](#) will be held at the former Salt River High School from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 8.
- In October, Salt River Schools students, as well as those from other schools who visit the meal distribution site at the ECEC, will be able to participate in [fun voting activities](#). Stay tuned for more information!
- [Please wear a mask](#) anytime you interact with Salt River Schools staff in person.

Questions about any of the above can be directed to Taté Walker, Salt River Schools Communications and PR Director at 480-362-2500 or email Communications@saltriverschools.org. We will share updates with you as we receive them, so please make sure your child's school has your family's most updated contact information. We appreciate your patience and understanding during these challenging times. With your support, we know we can get through this together.

Thank you,

Dr. Cynthia Clary, Acting Superintendent

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