



July 15, 2021

Dear Salt River Schools Community,

Ske:g Taş! It is my pleasure to welcome you to the 2021-2022 school year. I consider it a privilege and an honor to have been chosen by the Salt River Schools Education Board to serve as the Interim Acting Superintendent. I'm excited to announce this year's Division-wide theme: **"Reach for the Stars."** We're rolling out the red carpet to recognize our all-star staff and the dreams and goals we empower our students and families to reach, as well as to see ourselves as a constellation, a network of shining connections in a galaxy of possibilities. Our journey this school year begins at the annual Welcome Back staff event.

More details about this *mandatory* event are forthcoming; for now, please save the date (a flyer is attached to this letter): **Monday, July 26, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at your work site.** *Please remember to always wear a face mask and practice social distancing while you are in the Community and on-site at work.* Staff sign-in begins at 7:30 a.m. and the virtual events begin promptly at 8 a.m. The Welcome Back staff event is a great time to spotlight a few areas, such as Employee of the Year, and generate excitement for the upcoming school year with encouraging messages from school and Community leaders. Many important trainings and professional development opportunities are ahead, especially as it relates to trauma-informed and resilience-focused education. More information can be found on our HR webpage: https://saltriverschools.org/departments/human_resources/staffwelcome21-22

Salt River Schools works hard at providing solid instructional programs, and the boundless opportunities offered beyond the classroom setting are exemplary. These programs provide enriching learning experiences for students of all levels, as well as their families and the Community. As an educator for 26 years, I wholeheartedly value the programs and services we have in place, and I am committed to building upon past practices to ensure that students and their families have opportunities to explore their interests and find their passions.

In addition to the generous opportunities and resources provided by SRPMIC, I am profoundly humbled and driven by the Community care and engagement I see practiced by staff at Salt River Schools. It fills me with great pride to witness **the impact our staff and services have on students and families in their journeys to success.** It is my intent as a leader to foster the kind of workplace that cultivates an environment known for connecting families with valuable resources and robust academics.

While serving as the Interim Acting Superintendent, I will prioritize my schedule to be accessible to all stakeholders. **I have an open door communication policy, and I welcome any questions, comments, or concerns you might have about our schools.** I can be reached directly with the contact information below. I look forward to collaborating with you all as we move forward together. My best wishes to you all for a happy and healthy year.

Sincerely,

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WELCOME BACK STAFF AGENDA

Please direct questions to your site leader.

7:30-9 a.m.	Breakfast provided the Round House Café (see menu below), staff t-shirt gift, and Native Coffee Co. (sites are assigned specific pick-up times)
8:30-9 a.m.	Education Native Language Culture Presentation (via MS Teams; choose one session only) <i>OR</i> online Breeze Trainings
9-10 a.m.	Welcome Back Messages (via YouTube at work stations)
10-11:30 a.m.	Keynote Speaker (via Zoom at work stations)
11:30 a.m. to Noon	Education Native Language Culture Presentation (via MS Teams; choose one session only) <i>OR</i> online Breeze Trainings
Noon to 1 p.m.	Lunch provided by the Round House Café (see menu below)
1-3 p.m.	Staff meet with assigned Trauma Informed Education (TIE) groups
3:15-3:45 p.m.	Education Native Language Culture Presentation (via MS Teams; choose one session only) <i>OR</i> online Breeze Trainings
3:45 p.m. to end of shift	Staff complete Welcome Back reflections and turn into supervisors <i>if time</i> online Breeze Trainings

HOUSEKEEPING ITEMS

- **Attendance:** All-day attendance is expected for all staff on July 26. Only Dr. Corlett will have the authority to approve leave/absences on July 26. Plan to be on-site the entire day. Please address any questions or concerns with your supervisor.
- **Face Masks:** Remember to wear your face masks and practice social distancing when you are around others. Please review the [SRPMIC Return to Work Plan](#) if you have any questions.
- **Check-in:** There will be a half-hour period beginning at 7:30 a.m. that employees will have available to check-in at their sites. Sites will also be assigned special times where staff will pick up special gifts from the Education Administration building. Employees will sign-out for the day around 4 p.m. at their site.
- **Visitors:** Do not open your buildings to visitors or schedule appointments on July 26 (unless they will occur after 4 p.m.). Building administrators will ensure closure notices are posted on front doors.
- **Site Décor:** There will be a fun contest to see which site decorates their entryway doors the best! We can't wait to see your creativity!
- **Staff Raffle:** Our keynote speaker, Dr. Melissa Sadin, has generously donated some of her books, which we will raffle off for staff throughout the day.

Round House Café Breakfast Menu

(Staff are encouraged to bring their own meals if there are any issues or allergies.)

- Option 1: Community-style breakfast burrito combo with eggs, potatoes, cheese, and a variety of breakfast meat options served with fresh seasonal fruit.
- Option 2: Vegan yogurt and cereal starter (individual cups of yogurt and cereal in a variety of flavors) served with ripe, whole fruit.
- Beverages: Juice or coffee (including decaf, cream and/or sugar); additionally, one ticket will be provided per staff to select your choice of 20 oz. specialty drink (hot or iced) provided by [Native Coffee Co.](#), an Indigenous-owned food truck.

Round House Café Lunch Menu

(Staff are encouraged to bring their own meals if there are any issues or allergies.)

- Option 1: Sandwich boxed lunch (your choice of three sandwiches on freshly baked bread) served with ripe fruit, potato chips, and a house-baked Craveworthy Cookie.
- Option 2: Salad boxed lunch (your choice of handcrafted entrée salad) served with a mixed fruit cup, a bakery-fresh roll, and a house-baked Craveworthy Cookie.

