

Hello Dobson Academy families,

This morning, Governor Doug Ducey and Superintendent of Public Instruction Kathy Hoffman announced that all Arizona schools will be closed through the rest of the school year. Although this was not what anyone wanted, we are grateful to have district learning model so we can continue to move forward and plan for a successful end to the school year for our students.

On Friday, March 27, the Governor signed legislation to help support school districts in the event of an extended closure. This includes suspension of statewide testing requirements, assurance that schools will not need to extend our calendars into the summer, and funding to support continued employee pay. The legislation also requires learning opportunities for students to continue. As communicated, we are continuing with our distance learning, we are currently in Week 3. With this, we know how difficult it has been for many of you. Just remember we are here for you.

The transition to distant, remote, and e-learning has allowed us to be reflective on how we do school during this time. We know there are unanswered questions regarding grading, work load, etc. These are all topics we are tackling each day. Educators and students will be held accountable for teaching and learning during this time. What this mean, is a work in progress. It has been incredible heartwarming to see our students in online meeting with their teachers. They miss us and we miss them. Today news brought me an overwhelming feeling of sadness in which I could not describe. I can only imagine how you and your child(ren) are feeling. If they or you need to talk please reach out, we are still here in the office working, taking calls, answering emails, providing meals, and missing you all. We will continue our social distancing and precautionary measure until directed to do otherwise.

We are determined to pivot as needed to support our students. We are asking for your help, please take our brief survey regarding technology and internet accessibility. Dobson Academy is looking at opportunities and identify needs to support your child(ren). Take [SURVEY HERE](#).

We know you have many questions about grades, promotion, amount of work to complete, etc. As we continue to collaborate, we will share information as it is available. We are meeting weekly to collaborate, communicate, and resolve issues. We appreciate your patience and encourage you to take some time to process, we are in this together.

Please take care of you and your family.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

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