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Dear Parents and Guardians of Grand Canyon School students,

This is a quick update on our opening plans.

In August the School Board held a Special Board Meeting to consider the impact of the current state of COVID-19 outbreaks in the local community, along with the Guidance from the Arizona Department of Health Services for a safe opening. Out of concern and caution, the Board made a decision to begin **Distance Learning for ALL students** beginning on September 8.

We will provide *on-site support services* to as many students as possible, however we are limited by physical space—important for social distancing; and the availability of staffing. This is because our teachers will be focused on our Distance Learning Program. As a result we may have to limit the number of requests we can honor. We will prioritize requests as follows:

1. Children of parents who are designated “essential workers,” and need a place to go so their parents can fulfill their job duties
2. At-risk students, based on District criteria.
3. Children who need access to the internet in order to complete their distance learning activities.

Please be aware that *on-site support services* for most students **is not direct instruction time**. The supervision provided by the school will meet school safety requirements. Requests for academic assistance during this time should be directed to the student’s Distance Learning teacher(s).

If you are interested in receiving *on-site support services*, please contact the school office at 928-638-2461. We will do our best to accommodate as many requests as possible.

Sincerely yours,
Dr. Bria Superintendent and
Matthew Yost, Principal