



MEMORANDUM

Date: July 31, 2020

To: The Honorable Chairman and Members
Pima County Board of Supervisors

From: C.H. Huckelberry
County Administrator

Re: **Back to School Committee**

Attached is a copy of one of the letters sent today inviting all public school district superintendents, and seven charter, private and parochial superintendents, to serve on the Back to School (B2S) Committee. The mission of the B2S Committee is to develop local public health guidance for the safe return to in-person (face-to-face) classroom instruction. This is particularly important in light of the Governor's Executive Order 2020-51 that states school districts and charter schools shall consider benchmarks being developed by the Arizona Department of Health Services, as well as guidance from county health officials, for the safe return of in-person instruction.

The letters include meeting dates and times, as well as proposed agenda items. In addition, the following webpage has been developed to include B2S Committee information, links to school district webpages, and more about how Pima County is assisting schools during this pandemic: www.pima.gov/backtoschool

Please contact me if you have any questions.

CHH/dr

Attachment

c: Jan Leshar, Chief Deputy County Administrator
Dr. Francisco Garcia, MD, MPH, Deputy County Administrator & Chief Medical Officer,
Health and Community Services
Dr. Terry Cullen, Public Health Director, Pima County Health Department
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County Administrator

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VIA EMAIL

Dr. Gabriel Trujillo
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Re: **Letter of Invitation to Back to School Committee**

Dear Superintendent Trujillo:

As a follow-up to my July 28, 2020 letter, **I am asking that you serve on a Back to School Committee**, to be Co-chaired by Pima County School Superintendent Dustin Williams and Pima County Health Department Director Dr. Theresa Cullen. The mission of the Committee is to develop local public health guidance for the safe return to in-person classroom instruction. All public school superintendents are being invited to serve on the Committee. A sampling of Charter and private/parochial representatives are also being invited.

The first meeting of this Committee will take place on Monday August 10, 2020, from 9:00 AM until no later than 11:00 AM. The second meeting is scheduled for Friday August 14, 2020, from 2:00 PM until no later than 4:00 PM. Both meetings will be held in the Pima County Board of Supervisor's Hearing room at 130 W. Congress Street. You may attend in person or remotely. Please RSVP to Deseret Romero at Deseret.Romero@pima.gov or by calling (520)724-8450, and please state your intention for attending the meeting in person or remotely. Additional meeting information will be forthcoming.

We expect to receive the Arizona Department of Health Services public health benchmarks for the safe return of in-person classroom instruction no later than Friday August 7, 2020. The County Health Department will review the ADHS benchmarks prior to the first Back to Schools Committee meeting. These benchmarks will be presented and discussed at the

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first Committee meeting, along with an update of the current COVID-19 situation in Pima County. The other key agenda item at that first meeting will be a presentation and review of proposed overarching principles to inform the development of local guidelines. We will then subsequently draft local guidance for your review and approval at the second Committee meeting. If a third meeting is necessary, we will schedule it for the week of August 17th.

On behalf of the people of Pima County, thank you in advance for your consideration in contributing your expertise to this critical effort.

Sincerely,



C.H. Huckelberry
County Administrator

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- c: The Honorable Dustin Williams, Pima County School Superintendent
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