



## SELIGMAN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #40

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“SELIGMAN SCHOOLS: Open for Great Teaching and Learning!”

Dear Families,

It is with a hopeful heart that we announce Seligman Unified School District’s plans to return to on-site learning school starting **Tuesday, September 8, 2020**, which is the day after Labor Day. At the August 18, 2020 Special Meeting of the School Board, the Board approved Seligman Schools to reopen starting **September 8. When school reopens in-person on September 8<sup>th</sup> we will be changing over to our Option B plan. (Hybrid)** The Hybrid plan is a combination of on-site brick and mortar building learning as well as distance learning in Google Classroom for students who will be staying at home.

The plans embrace recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the Arizona Department of Education (ADE), The Arizona School Risk Retention Trust (the Trust), Arizona Interscholastic Association (AIA), and a dedicated team of staff and parents.

The following pages address detailed information about Seligman Schools’ safety protocols for the upcoming school year. Seligman Schools plan on hosting a **Return to School Open House on Wednesday September 2 from 8-noon and 1-4pm.**

At that time parents will be presented a **waiver** to sign written by our district’s insurance company “**The Trust.**” It will be explained at that time. **Parents will be required to sign the waiver prior to their student attending on September 8<sup>th</sup>. If you are not able to attend the Open House on Wednesday, then please make it a point to come to the office on Thursday to fill out the required waiver form.**

### Screening

Parents are the first line of defense for preventing the spread of illness. Please monitor your child’s health. Do not allow sick students to attend school. If your child is exhibiting a combination of any of the following symptoms, they should remain at home:

- Fever of 100.4 degrees or higher, or chills
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Muscle aches
- Sore throat
- Headache
- Fatigue
- Congestion or a runny nose
- Cough
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- A new loss of taste or smell

Parents **MUST** screen students every morning before sending them to school, as they will not be allowed to attend if they are exhibiting any of the symptoms.

If a student has a chronic condition such as allergies or asthma, parents should inform the school of that condition.

## **Bus Riders**

Due to the amount of students that require transportation, it is not possible to maintain social distancing. Parents may choose to transport their students instead of having them ride the bus. Mileage reimbursement is available. Parents must choose which option they want on a quarterly basis. Once a student has opted not to ride the bus, they cannot change until the following quarter.

Parents who choose to have their students' ride the bus must adhere to the following policies:

- Parents must wait at the bus stop until students are screened. Students who are left unattended will be issued a bus violation.
- Students must pass a temperature check (no higher than 100.4 degrees) and a visual screening (shortness of breath, chills, cough, congestion, runny nose, vomiting etc.)
- Students will use hand sanitizer upon entering the bus.
- Siblings will sit together.
- Masks are required on buses. It is recommended that students have their own masks. Disposable masks will be available for students who don't have one.

## **For students who walk or are dropped off at school:**

- The school campus will have one entry point at the front gate by the office through the screening tent.
- Parents who drive students, must wait until students are screened. The student screening will take place in their vehicle. No one should get out the vehicle.
- Students must pass a temperature check (no higher than 100.4 degrees) and a visual screening (shortness of breath, chills, cough, congestion, runny nose, vomiting etc.)
- Students will use hand sanitizer upon entering campus.
- After breakfast, elementary students will report to classrooms. There will be no morning recess

## **Breakfast and Lunch**

- Students will be allowed to use the cafeteria for breakfast and lunch.
- The breakfast "grab and go" option is available.
- Some seating will be marked unavailable in the cafeteria to assist with social distancing.
- Elementary students will be grouped at tables by grade.
- Middle School may opt to eat outside.
- In addition to the cafeteria, High School students should utilize the student lounge or outside tables to eat to avoid crowds.
- High School is temporarily restricted from leaving campus at lunchtime.
- Any student, who wants to leave campus at any time, needs to be checked out by a parent or guardian.
- The gym will not be available for any students during lunches.

## **Technology**

- Students all have their own computers/iPads. Devices are sanitized daily.

## **Classrooms**

- Classrooms are sanitized regularly.
- Students will use hand sanitizer upon entering a classroom.

## **Recess**

- Before school recess is cancelled until further notice. Students will report to their classrooms.
- Morning recess will be staggered (K-1, 2-3, 4-5)
- Lunch recess will utilize a sectioning method. Each group will be permitted on one section of the playground only for that afternoon. Classes can rotate sections. Classes will stagger the time they return to the building to avoid crowding in the bathrooms.

## **Drinking Fountains**

- Only the water bottle filling stations will be open.
- Students should bring their own reusable water bottles with their names on them.

## **Field Trips**

- All field trips are cancelled until further notice.

## **Visitors/ Volunteers**

- Only necessary visitors will be permitted.
- Volunteers and visitors must pass the same screening process as students and staff.

We at Seligman Schools have greatly missed your students during this pandemic. We know how difficult a time it has been for your students and parents during the distance learning of education. We will do our best every day to ensure safety and a sense of regular schooling that your students need and expect.

**If your students or families are in need of counseling services, Seligman Schools has on staff a highly qualified school counselor, Shawn Barnett-Hansen. Shawn can be reached at 928-642-6445.**

**Any other questions you may have please contact James Phillips at 928-216-4123.**

Sincerely,  
James Phillips, Superintendent/Principal