



SELIGMAN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #40

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July 7, 2021

To our Parents/Guardians of our Seligman Schools students,

We at Seligman USD#40 have been busy this summer preparing for the new school year. I appreciate all of the support that you gave us last year as we did our best to offer in-person learning and distance learning to students during the pandemic.

Unless circumstances change, I want you to be aware that Seligman Schools **will only be providing in-person learning this school year**. The change to in-person only learning was approved by the School Board at the May 11, 2021 Regular Board Meeting. It became clear to my teachers and I that few students progressed very well under the distance learning format.

As far as safety protocols for this school year, **Seligman Schools will continue to do the majority of safety measures to prevent the possibility of the spread of COVID-19 on campus**. We will continue extensive cleaning of the classrooms, bathrooms and high contact areas of our facilities. We will continue to encourage students to bring their own water bottles with their names on them as our water fountains continue to operate only to refilling water bottles. Our classrooms will also continue to provide cases of water bottles at all times. The wearing of face coverings for students and staff policy has been changed to **“may wear face coverings”** as approved by the School Board at the June 29, 2021 Special Meeting. **That decision now is completely up to the student, parent and staff member to wear or not wear a face covering while on school grounds**. It is very important that all students, staff and visitors feel safe at all times on campus.

This year we will continue to provide excellent teaching and learning opportunities with a full teaching staff. We are very fortunate to have such dedicated teachers and staff here at Seligman Schools. Teachers do make a difference in the lives of their students and our teachers are no exception to that rule.

Please come to the district office sometime **within the next two weeks to register your student** as well as for high school students to get their schedule for classes.

We look forward to having your students back with us on our first day of school on **August 2, 2021**. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at the district office

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Phillips", written over the word "office" in the previous paragraph.

Jim Phillips, Superintendent