

Canyon Rim Academy Families,

Our committee of teachers, along with Mr. Fuller and Ms. Katina, Canyon Rim Academy's Licensed Clinical Social Worker, feels confident about the plan that has been proposed to begin an unprecedented school year. We want to express our gratitude for your patience during the summer. The committee has spent hours researching virus statistics, watching what nearby districts are planning for fall, looking at risk-mitigation data specific to our building, and meeting constantly; all with the hope of creating a plan that meets the needs of our Canyon Rim Academy community.

The members of the committee have two major goals at the forefront: student learning, and community safety. Canyon Rim Academy's reopening plan allows us to educate students effectively, while keeping our community safe in a global pandemic. Although we are all being asked to sacrifice, and there is no perfect plan, we feel lucky to have local control at Canyon Rim Academy to ensure our families will receive the highest level of care and personal attention possible.

First, the committee would like to acknowledge the changes in distance learning from the spring to the fall. Canyon Rim Academy has a community who bands together to make even the most difficult of situations successful. Our spring distance learning required trial-and-error, feedback from parents and students, and monumental efforts from families and teachers. We feel confident students made growth, and feel so proud of our Canyon Rim Academy community for working together to ensure student success. In the fall, distance learning will look different. Our goal as a school is: to use a common platform for digital learning and train students (with realistic expectations and sensitivity to age/capacity) how to use it effectively for each grade level's specific needs, to provide live-streamed, or recorded lessons so parents will not be asked to teach lessons to their students, and make accountability goals that are age appropriate, and effective for each grade level. Teachers will take part in professional development provided by Canyon Rim Academy to ensure a successful distance learning experience for students that is well researched, and user friendly for families and students. Teachers will be available during school hours to answer questions, guide learning activities, and support students who need social-emotional, or academic support. Our fantastic team of aides will be there for interventions and support for students and families. We feel confident we can offer a robust distance learning experience to serve students' social emotional, and academic growth.

As a faculty, we have been thinking of ways to meet the needs of the whole child. This is something our school does so well. As teachers, we want to make sure we connect with each family individually before the year begins. We know part of what makes our school so wonderful is the care given to every child in our school community. We are working closely with Ms. Katina to ensure students feel safe, happy, and welcome in their new classes, and with their new teachers.

As stated above, our main goal is to keep your students safe and learning. We feel confident Canyon Rim Academy will move forward with those goals in mind. We welcome your questions, and we want you to know we are with you this year. Thank you for your support and trust.

Sincerely,

Canyon Rim Academy Teacher Reopening Committee