April 24, 2018

Dear BESD Parents and Community,

Our data indicates that not enough certified teachers will be reporting for work during Thursday and Friday’s statewide walkout for us to provide a typical school day. However, our schools will remain open to our community from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm to provide basic services, including breakfast and lunch.

The School Days Will Be Significantly Modified

☐ We are unable to provide transportation, however, parents and students are welcome to come to our schools while we are open. This is to ensure that we have adequate levels of supervision across the district. Parents of special education students will be receiving separate information regarding transportation.

☐ If you choose to keep your child home, please call the absence into your child’s school as soon as possible; your children will not be penalized in any way. This will enable us to plan most effectively for the day.

☐ All district schools will be open for four hours, beginning at 8:00 am and ending at 12:00 pm, beginning with breakfast and ending with lunch. No supervision will be available before 8:00 am or after 12:00 pm.

☐ For students who do attend, programming will include group activities and supervised play.

☐ Students who arrive at school without parents will not be permitted to leave before 12:00 pm, without a parent/guardian signing them out.

☐ Parents are welcome to stay. Adult meals will be available for purchase.

☐ No before or after school clubs or athletics will occur during this time.

☐ If your child typically participates in the City of Buckeye’s before and after school enrichment program (BASE), it will begin at 12:00 pm. If you would like to register for the BASE program, please call 623.349.6350, or email recreation@buckeyeaz.gov.

☐ Students who receive Special Education services will be receiving a separate communication.

☐ Preschool will remain open and those families will receive a separate communication.

☐ Regular updates regarding the status of our schools will be posted on the district’s website, social media pages, and via Parent-Link.

☐ There are no planned changes to promotion ceremonies.

☐ Out-of-state and overnight field trips will be handled on a case-by-case basis depending upon the availability of coaches/sponsors/drivers/chaperones to provide a safe, supervised experience. Please look for additional information from your principal regarding your particular trip.

☐ These plans are contingent upon currently available information. We will inform you as soon as possible if changes become necessary.

Bales Elementary.......................... 623.847.8503
Buckeye Elementary.......................... 623.866.4487
Inca Elementary............................ 623.925.3500
WestPark Elementary.......................... 623.435.3282

Jasinski Elementary.......................... 623.925.3100
Marionneaux Elementary.................. 623.866.6100
Sundance Elementary.......................... 623.847.8531
BESD Preschool............................ 623.925.3333
We thank you for your patience, support and understanding during this time of uncertainty. We will keep you posted through every available communication channel. Please do not hesitate to contact your school if you have questions, or direct district questions to info@besd33.org.

Sincerely,

Dr. Kristi Sandvik

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