



Arizona Department of Education

August 14, 2020

Dear Superintendent Hightower:

RE: Waiver Submission

On July 23, 2020, Governor Ducey issued Executive Order 2020-51 **Arizona Open for Learning**.

As part of the Executive Order, a school district or charter school may apply to the Arizona Department of Education for a waiver of the requirement under Executive Order 2020-41 to provide free on-site learning and support services for children in need if a county health department, in conjunction with the Arizona Department of Health Services, advises closing an entire school district or charter school due to an outbreak of the virus, or a tribal sovereign nation issues a "stay-at-home" order impacting a school district or charter school on or adjacent to a reservation.

Based on our review, your waiver is being requested due to a:

- Specified community outbreak
- Tribal sovereign nation "stay-at-home" order

Your request is **approved** as it includes all the applicable required documentation from the local health department and Arizona Department of Health Services and/or the tribal sovereign nation "stay-at-home" order.

As of, **8/17/20**, Tolleson Elementary School District will be closed for onsite support services.

As of, **9/21/20**, Tolleson Elementary School District will resume onsite support services unless a waiver extension has been granted. LEAs may apply for a waiver extension via the [ADE website](#).

If you have any questions, please contact:

- Kate Wright, Assoc. Superintendent High Academic Standards for Students (kate.wright@azed.gov)
- Whitney Marsh, Deputy Chief of Staff (whitney.marsh@azed.gov)

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kate Wright".

Kate Wright
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Kathy Hoffman, Superintendent of Public Instruction

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