Greetings TUSD Family,

I hope your Friday has been a good one as we head into a beautiful fall weekend. I continue to be inspired by your passion, dedication, and commitment to our students amidst some of the most challenging times in our district’s history. With the first quarter of the 2020-2021 school year coming to a close, I wanted to provide you with some important information regarding the opening of the second quarter on October 19th. At Tuesday night’s TUSD Governing Board meeting, the proposed Hybrid model for 2nd quarter was reviewed by our board. Please note the following regarding some important next steps and collaborative opportunities necessary to finalize our model:

✓ Our team will be presenting a revised Hybrid Model of Instruction to the Governing Board at the October 6th board meeting with possible student scheduling components that keep students with the same teachers they were assigned during the 1st quarter, to the extent feasible.

✓ Our Governing Board will be reviewing the Pima County Health Department’s COVID 19 Framework for the safe opening of schools for the purpose of making a final decision regarding the potential opening of the district for hybrid instruction on October 19th. Though the date of October 19th was selected by the board as a “tentative” start date for remote instruction at the September 9th board meeting, this date has always been tentative and subject to recommendations by the Pima County Health Department.

As your feedback and suggestions are vital to our efforts to finalize a model of instruction that offers the best possible instruction for our students, during the week of September 28th, there will be several collaborative opportunities available to all who wish to provide thoughts, ideas, and suggestions. I would like to encourage you to provide your feedback regarding how instruction should look in a “hybrid” model through the following opportunities:

1) Teacher survey: This survey will help us better understand your preferences for a “hybrid” instructional model and scheduling options for middle and high school students. Please complete the survey by Wednesday September 30th. [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YNKGVXJ](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YNKGVXJ)

2) Teacher Townhalls: I will be hosting two live townhalls for teachers, necessary to get feedback on teacher preferences, opinions, and thoughts on implementing a “hybrid” instructional model. Though our Teacher Townhalls are open to all, there is a ZOOM limit of 300 per session. Register here:
   a. Tuesday 9/29 6:30-7:30 pm [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4EAEAF2AA7FEC52-929](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4EAEAF2AA7FEC52-929)
b. **Wednesday 9/30 4:00-5:00 pm**
   https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4EAEAF2AA7FEC52-9301

3) **2 Middle School/ High School Teacher Townhalls:** I will be hosting two live townhalls for middle and high school teachers, necessary to get feedback on teacher preferences, opinions, and thoughts on planning for traditional 6 period day schedules with passing periods or implementing block scheduling. Though our Teacher Townhalls are open to all, there is a ZOOM limit of 300 per session. Register here:
   a. **Monday 9/28 5:30-6:30 pm**
      https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4EAEAF2AA7FEC52-928
   b. **Wednesday 9/30 6:00-7:00 pm**
      https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4EAEAF2AA7FEC52-93

4) **Parent Survey:** We will be distributing a survey to all of our families to get input on how many prefer to remain participating in the remote learning option full time and those that wish to participate in the “hybrid” option. Our parent survey will be open through Wednesday September 30th. Please encourage all of your students’ families to complete the survey.

   I look forward to hearing your feedback, suggestions, and ideas on how to build the most innovative, flexible and effective instructional model in the county. Together, we’ll ensure that TUSD comes through these challenging times, stronger than ever.

   Sincerely
   Dr. Gabriel Trujillo
   TUSD Superintendent