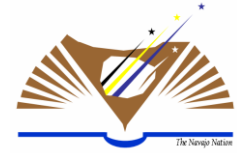




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Greetings Administrators,

I hope this email finds you well. I'm writing to share with you the Department of Diné Education's Reopening Status and Aligned Guidance document. This is the document that was shared with you during this afternoon's School Leadership meeting.

The purpose of the document is to provide aligned guidance for schools to make local decisions about the opening of schools. As the Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez and his office has been firm in their communication to stakeholders that all instruction should take place in a virtual manner to the greatest extent possible, we want to ensure that our guidance is also aligned to that expectation. We also acknowledge that these decisions must take place with the support of the local health officials and the current status of the community in relation to COVID-19. This document is an attempt to provide that guidance and allow schools the flexibility to work with their local health officials as appropriate. It is our goal that all schools can safely open and that you and your teams have the appropriate resources to plan that reopening.

If you have any questions, please contact myself at patricia.gonnie@nndode.org, Shayla Yellowhair at shayla.yellowhair@cognia.org, or Darrick Franklin at darrick.franklin@nndode.org.

Sincerely,

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