Dear Dragon Families,

I’d like to express our deep appreciation for all the patience, understanding, support, and thoughtful questions and concerns we’ve received during this constantly changing environment. I want to clarify that our decision to adopt the Remote Learning with Small Group Support for the first quarter of the school year is based on our staffing circumstances and quarantine guidelines. Even with the challenges thrown our way over the past few months, I’m incredibly proud of our entire community which has responded as Dragons always do - with Perseverance, Respect, Integrity, Dependability, and Empathy.

I hope you were able to observe the Board meeting where we discussed moving to the Small Group Support model. The Board was unanimous in support of this instructional model for our 1st Quarter. We are moving forward under our Small Group Support Model for Quarter 1. We will reassess in mid-September and make a decision on Quarter 2 by Friday, September 25th.

There is a great deal of information to share and rather than have you read through an even longer email, I’ve created a video for you to view about our plans.
Note- Principals’ Messages will be coming out Tuesday morning, 8/11/20, not tonight as mentioned in the video.

Please find below a number of details for our 2020-21 Quarter 1 Return to School:

- We are moving forward with our Small Group Support instructional model for the 1st Quarter of the school year. All students will be learning remotely. Families with students in identified support groups will be contacted with details about those programs.

- **2020-21 Quarter 1 Dates:**
  - **First Day of School:** Monday, August 24
  - **End of Quarter 1:** Thursday, October 15
  - Please note, that our Quarter 1 Return to School instructional model extends beyond SVVSD’s planned date of Friday, September 25th. We will communicate our plans for the 2nd quarter by Friday, September 25th.

- **Revised First Quarter Academic Calendar**

- **Child Care for Working Families:** Dragon Flight will offer daily Remote Learning Support from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for $40 a day. Students will be supervised while accessing the regularly scheduled remote learning for their class. Students will be placed in cohorts for the quarter that will match those in our hybrid model for a seamless transition, if needed. Devices to access remote learning will be provided at school. Families must commit for at least three days each week to allow for proper staffing. CCAP financial assistance is available for those who qualify. **Click here** for more details and how to register.

- **Preschool:** Patty Quinn, our Preschool Director, is finalizing plans for our youngest Dragons and will be in contact with her families in a separate communication.

- **Immunization Information:**
  - Parents can check their child's immunization status in Infinite Campus.
  - Immunization records need to be updated, whether your student is in the building or remote. Please email your updated immunization information to Renee Barrowman, Health Clerk, at rbarrowman@flagstaffacademy.org.
  - Exemption forms and state guidelines can be found at the Flagstaff Academy website in the Health Clerk Section.
  - If you plan on enrolling in Dragon Flight, immunizations must be current or your child will not be accepted into the program.
  - If you have any questions regarding your child's immunization status, please
contact the Health Clerk at rbarrowman@flagstaffacademy.org.

- **Chromebook Loaners**: We have a limited number of Chromebooks to loan to families who do not have access to a device for their child’s remote learning.
  - For Middle School, [click here](#)
  - For Elementary School, [click here](#)

- **Front Office Hours and Visiting**
  - Drop-in visitors are not allowed on campus at this time due to COVID safety precautions.
  - Appointments may be made during office hours from Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. beginning Monday, August 17th.
  - The office will be closed intermittently until Monday, August 24th for staff training and professional development.
  - Appointments must be scheduled in advance via email with the staff member you are meeting.
  - All visitors will be screened for COVID symptoms prior to entry for your scheduled appointment.
  - All visitors will be required to wear a mask.

- **Payments and Fees**
  - Activity Fees remain unchanged as we expect many new expenses related to COVID such as new software, technology expenses, and supplies. To pay your Activity Fees, [click here](#).
  - If you qualify for Free/Reduced Lunch, there is a new EBT card program. To learn about the program, [click here](#).

- **Student Materials and Resources Pick-up:**
  - Look for emails coming with details about coordinated pick up days for Chromebook loaners, textbooks, Crayons to Calculator backpacks, and more!

You will be receiving separate blasts from the Principals tomorrow morning, Tuesday, August 11th, with everything related to instruction, class lists, school supplies, and virtual Back-to-School events.

Thank you again,

**Wayne Granger**
Executive Director