

December 4, 2020

Mission Heights' Families,

Happy Friday! It is that time of the week where I share the status of MHP and whether we will be remaining open for our hybrid learners. Just like expected, the numbers sadly continue to rise after the holidays, and we fear they are only going to get worse. However, Pinal County benchmarks still show the recommended delivery model as Hybrid. (See Benchmarks [here](#).) **Therefore, Mission Heights' plan and hope is to remain open for next week and hopefully for our finals week as well, so we can close out this quarter strong.** Again, if able to do so safely for students and staff, and if Pinal County benchmarks recommend it, we will continue to remain open as long as possible.

In planning for Quarter 3, however, we are needing to make some adjustments once again. Last quarter we asked everyone to pick either an online or hybrid form of learning and to stick to that. Unfortunately, due to the rise of COVID cases recently, many who chose hybrid have been asking to switch back to "remote", which makes it very difficult for our teachers. Therefore, we are sending out this survey again.

Please pick the style of learning you wish to have for Quarter 3. **We are asking that you pick one and do not change this time. We will not always be able to make accommodations and will very likely not do so for the upcoming quarter.** Therefore, if your plan of learning might change due to the rate of COVID, please have your student choose online only. We do not want families going back and forth in the middle of the quarter. Likewise, if you know you will plan on doing hybrid as long as Mission Heights is open for on-campus learning, then you should absolutely pick hybrid.

Please fill out this survey no later than Friday, December 11th.

[MHP 20-21 Q3 Learning Options](#)

In hopes to be even more clear, when we say "online" learning, please know this is a completely different program and delivery method than hybrid learning. Students will be enrolled in PLP classes and will have a teacher who is available for office hours and support. "Hybrid" learning is on campus two days and off three days. When our hybrid students are off campus, they are watching live instruction from their teachers and/or doing work specifically for that class. Again, online and hybrid are two very different programs, so please pick the one that works best for you and your student and do not change in the middle of a quarter. Please let us know if you have questions regarding this before making your final decision.

We appreciate your help in making this decision, so that we can plan our master calendar once again. We will send out another survey in Quarter 4 and reassess where we are at then. As difficult as it is for the schedule to change based on these responses each quarter, we do feel this is best for families.

As always, if you have questions or concerns, please reach out. We will continue to communicate with you each Friday on what our plan is for the upcoming week. Thank you for the honor and opportunity to continue to serve your students who are attending on campus. Their smiles and engagement brighten our days and fill us with purpose. We miss our online students and look forward to the day when we can see them all once again in person.

Blessings to you all, and have a good weekend,

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