

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all of the students, parents, staff, and the greater educational community of the Colorado River Union High School District #2, to the start of the 2020-2021 school year.

We are excited to have everyone get back to the routines and programs that make our campuses exciting places. Our campuses are not just for learning but also for engaging in opportunities that promote student growth through both academics and myriad of sports, clubs, and extra-curricular activities that foster professional behaviors both on and off the field. That's a tradition of our local high schools going back 51 years, and our high school district more than 30 years.

While everyone around the world has been dealing with the challenges presented by the COVID-19 virus, we are all optimistic that things will eventually return to normal. The new normal may look somewhat different, but either way, life must get back to routines and traditions that we all have come to know and appreciate. This is critical for the social and emotional wellbeing of our students and families.

The greatest challenge is finding the right balance between the safeties of our educational family while being mindful of the need to return to embrace the new normal.

Our entire staff has been working tirelessly to insure that each campus is a clean, safe, and healthy environment. We are following all CDC guidelines and are ready for face-to-face instruction when the Governor gives us the green light.

It is important to realize that we have also created a digital plan for instruction with guidance and support that are second to none. We will be providing proven methods and technology that meet the needs of all learners. Students, parents, teachers, counselors, and all other staff members will have the flexibility to be exposed to opportunities in the environment that best suits their individual needs.

As restrictions are lifted, we will provide all members of our learning community time to transition into an educational environment that has all students returning to campus.

The investment in technology will not go by the wayside. These digital tools will still be available to enhance in-class instruction and become more ingrained in the lesson planning of the future. The conditions we have faced have only served as a catalyst that expedited their need to be infused more readily into our classrooms and into our homes.

The key for success this year will be for everyone to remain patient, understanding, and flexible. We have a caring community. Let's stay focused on supporting and helping everyone to stay safe. Let's also maintain a structured learning community that welcomes everyone's assistance to help our students learn, grow, and prepare for the challenges of tomorrow.