



July 1, 2022

Dear Salt River Schools Family,

Ske:g Taş! It is my pleasure to welcome you to the 2022-2023 school year. Our journey this school year begins at the annual Welcome Back staff event (a Save the Date flyer is attached): **Monday, July 25, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.** As of the sending of this letter, our event will take place in person in the Accelerated Learning Academy gymnasium (4827 N. Country Club Drive).

Staff sign-in begins at 7 a.m. and we will begin the day's events promptly at 8 a.m. with special messages from our school and Community leaders. I look forward to sharing many important trainings and professional development opportunities with you, especially as it relates to our Division goals around trauma-informed and resilience-focused education. An agenda outline is included with this letter.

I am excited to announce this year's Division-wide theme continues the work we began last year: "Keep Reaching for the Stars." Many stakeholders—students in particular—indicated how much they loved the "stars" theme, recognizes our superstar staff and the dreams and goals we empower our students and families to reach. With the help of our fabulous culture and language team and their Community partners, we have the following beautiful translation to use this year:

★ 'Onk 'Akimel O'odham Ha Hu'uga (*O'odham*) ★
Xalychidom Piipaash Xmshe (*Piipaash*)
River People's Star (*English*)

Salt River Schools is a constellation, a network of shining connections in a galaxy of possibilities. I believe the impact we'll have this school year will reflect this message, and I am profoundly humbled and driven by what I have seen Salt River Schools staff and partners accomplish over the years. It is my intent as a leader to continue fostering a workplace that cultivates family connections, valuable resources, and robust academics.

I have 27 years of education experience, and it has been my honor and privilege to serve as the Interim Acting Superintendent of Salt River Schools. I hope to continue building upon the partnerships and opportunities we have developed over the last year. To this end, I will continue to prioritize my schedule to be accessible to all stakeholders. I have always had an open door communication policy, and I welcome any questions, comments, or concerns you might have about our schools. I can be reached directly with the contact information below.

My best wishes to you all for a happy and healthy year.

Sincerely,

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MATT'O T'VE:M AB O JU: | *O'odham*
MAT ASHEEVK UJWESHUUM | *Piipaash*
WE WILL DO THIS TOGETHER | *English*

WELCOME BACK STAFF AGENDA

Please direct questions to your site leader.

6-7 a.m.	Sunrise greeting and blessing/smudging by the football field bleachers. Participation is optional.
7-8 a.m.	Sign-in and staff gift pick-up in the gymnasium lobby.
8-9 a.m.	Blessing, breakfast (Round House menu below), and celebration.
9-9:30 a.m.	Welcome messages from Community and Education Division leaders.
9:30 a.m. to Noon	Interactive activities for staff to explore stress-relief, mindfulness, self-care, storytelling, and creative art. Activities will take place in small groups and rotate throughout the morning. There will be a break from 10:45-11:15 a.m.
Noon to 1 p.m.	Lunch: Two food truck options will be available in the ALA courtyard.
1-4 p.m.	Staff return to their own workspace/classrooms to begin setting up for the new school year.
2-4 p.m.	Pickle Slushies will be served in the ALA gymnasium lobby.

HOUSEKEEPING ITEMS

- **Attendance:** All-day attendance is expected for all staff on July 25. Only Dr. Corlett will have the authority to approve leave/absences on July 25. Plan to be on-site the entire day. Please address any questions or concerns with your supervisor.
- **Check-in:** There will be an hour-long period beginning at 7 a.m. during which staff will sign-in and receive their welcome gifts in the ALA gymnasium lobby. Staff are expected to work a full day and will sign-out at their work site.
- **Visitors:** Do not open your buildings to visitors or schedule appointments on July 25 before 1 p.m. Building administrators will ensure closure notices are posted on front doors.
- **Plan B:** In the event we need to move our event to a virtual setting, staff will be expected to log in to Microsoft Teams by 8 a.m. We will do our best to make this determination no later than Friday, July 22, if needed, and will notify staff via phone call and email, so please check your Outlook for more information.

Round House Café Breakfast Menu

(Staff are encouraged to bring their own meals if there are any issues or allergies.)

Choice of fresh tortilla, bagels, croissants, eggs, cheese, home fries, chorizo, vegan chorizo, ham, sausage, oatmeal + toppings, coffee, water, and a variety of juices.

Food Truck Lunch Options

(Staff are encouraged to bring their own meals if there are any issues or allergies.)

Water and soda options will be provided.

Staff have the option of choosing a meal from one truck:

Option One: [Yanikeke Empanadas](#) serving ground beef empanada or salami & cheese empanada

Option Two: [Yolo's Authentic Mexican Food](#) serving one burrito or 3 tacos





Welcome to the 2022-2023 School Year

We're celebrating our superstar educators for always encouraging students to follow their dreams and keep reaching for the stars!

The annual Salt River Schools Welcome Back event will take place **Monday, July 25**. Visit our event page to learn about our keynote speaker and view the agenda: tinyurl.com/WelcomeStaff22-23



Open your camera app and point the lens here.