

Dear Phoenix Union Families:

Thank you for your continued trust in Phoenix Union. As your superintendent, I am writing today to provide updates and information on how PXU will continue supporting our families.

Yesterday, the new administration released many executive orders, with more expected in the coming days and weeks. Rest assured, we are actively monitoring and adjusting to the news with the best interest of our students, staff, and families at the center of our decision-making process.

At Phoenix Union, we will always remain committed to protecting the rights of all those we serve. Please see below for some additional information that responds to some of the questions we are receiving.

- The Phoenix Union High School District and our campuses are safe zones for all students, which includes a safe and stable learning environment, regardless of citizenship status. Students have the constitutional right to attend school regardless of their or their family member(s) immigration status.
- All students will continue to receive free meals, transportation for those who qualify, and all other educational services without interruption.
- All families are encouraged to update and maintain accurate contact information in our school communication system. Please take a moment to ensure your contact information is up to date so we can contact you with important information specifically for our students and families by <u>clicking here</u>.
- PXU and SchoolMessenger never share the information you provide, and we follow the <u>Family Educational</u>
 <u>Rights and Privacy Act guidelines</u>, which prohibit schools from sharing personally identifiable information
 without prior written parental consent.
- Phoenix Union will soon announce a series of 'Know Your Rights' workshops for students and families. These
 workshops will provide detailed information about the legal requirements when someone is interacting with
 government agencies concerning their immigration status.
- PXU partners with many local organizations and groups to provide resources for our families of mixedimmigration status. Click here for access to community resources.
- If you want to explore an online-only learning environment for your student, we will work with you to ensure a smooth transition to virtual learning. For more information on this option, please call (602) 764-1150.
- At Phoenix Union, we welcome all students who come through our doors and will continue to offer every student a high-quality education without ever asking for immigration status.

We know there is fear and uncertainty in our community. Please know we remain fully committed to providing schools of opportunity that welcome, love, and inspire all students to go places and do things that matter. Please continue to check our website for updated information. We will also continue communicating with our families when large-scale updates become available.

We value and stand with every student that we serve. Thank you for your trust, and please do not hesitate to contact your home campus with any questions.

Respectfully,

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