MARCH 20, 2020

STAFF,

I appreciate your patience and understanding during this time of concern. First and foremost I hope you and your families, loved ones are coping and doing well during these unprecedented days. As a human race we are never prepared for situations, although if you listen to the advice foretold by our elders, these types of situations were prophesied by them. Their message was be mindful of everything that surrounds you and always to be prepared.

The Hopi Tribal Council at its meeting yesterday March 19, 2020, approved a resolution to close schools on Hopi up to April 3, 2020. Because this is an official decision made by the Chairman of the tribe and because we are a Tribally Controlled school we will adhere to the resolution. Therefore Keams Canyon School will be closed until April 3, 2020. I did a One Call yesterday, however just remind our stakeholders of the closure.

The certified teaching staff along with Administration will be meeting today March 20, 2020 to talk about procedures that we will implement during this time, along with thinking about how we continue with delivery of instruction and how we continue to implement the school lunch program, up to April 3 or until we return back to school.

At this time the school will focus on low population density during school work hours. I would like to limit the amount of employees we have here at the school. The groundwork for procedures will be created by the Certified Staff and Administration. Once we have created the groundwork plan we will contact all other staff and provide information on how they will be included. Until then I'm recommending all non-essential staff stay at home until you are notified otherwise, includes Teacher Assistants (both General Ed and ESS), School Counselor, and Bus Drivers. During this time you will be place on Administrative Leave.

I will include the current information we have regarding procedures for the building, including expected behavior to curb COVID-19.

Principal

If you have any questions please feel free to call the school. BE SAFE, STAY AT HOME, BE THANKFUL FOR ALL YOU HAVE