



December 17, 2020

Dear ASA Families,

As we welcome the holiday season and a most beautiful time of year in our city, we are sending you all wishes for a happy and healthy New Year - 2021 is almost here!!

As a final note, we have a few updates from our ASA Board of Directors and Senior Leadership Team. On December 14th, we held the final board meeting prior to the beginning of the 3rd Quarter on January 4th, 2021. Once again, we reviewed the community health data that continues to show a steep incline in the spread of Covid-19 and an increase in hospitalizations due to the pandemic. Both the increase in positivity and the increasing burden on our health care system and providers led to a confirmation of the decision made at the November 23rd board meeting – ASA will open in an ORANGE mode on January 4th. This means that all classes will continue to be online and that we will incorporate as many small ensembles and activities on campus as is safe. We will carefully be monitoring the impact of travel over the holidays that after we reopen in January, so we will be cautious about adding on campus activities for the first few weeks.

The great news is that the vaccine is on the way – in fact, it is here! Educators and school staff are in the second group to receive vaccination, and we are so grateful to know educators and student health and safety are a priority in Arizona!

Thank you all for responding to our latest survey regarding student choice to participate in the hybrid learning or remain remote for 3rd quarter. Survey responses indicate approximately 30% of students at each grade level will remain remote for the 3rd quarter. The ASA Board of Directors also approved a new [Student Mask Policy \(en Espanol\)](#). All middle school students will be receiving more information about their revised 2nd semester schedules by December 18th. High School schedules will remain unchanged in the 2nd semester.

Finally, as we reflect upon the past 10 months, part of the silver lining in our Pandemic 25th Anniversary Year is that in some ways it has drawn our community closer together. One example is your presence at Board meetings and at our recent Town Hall. Community presence has shown how invested you are in ASA and our decisions. Parents, teachers and students are asking good questions and voicing their views. We thank those of you who have given so many messages of support and

gratitude and equally thank those who have asked hard questions and raised concerns. The ability to hold a constructive discussion with many viewpoints is one of the many ways our community is special and resilient! We are all in this together and we are grateful to lead this tremendous consortium of learners, leaders, teachers, and families.

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Enjoy a final note from our [Resilience Choir](#) and check your mail for a final message on how you can support your school!

With love and wishes for a healthy and happy New Year,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Leah Fregulia'.

Leah Fregulia

Head of School/CEO

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Sara Maline Bohn'.

Sara Maline Bohn

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