

Richfield Residential Hall

College and Career Preparatory Program

18 November 2020

Dear Family and Friends,

I hope you are all having a great week. I continue to pray for your health and safety in these uncertain times. I am so grateful for your continued support of our program and our policies here at RRH. The combination of your student's commitment to mask wearing, appropriate distancing, our robust sanitization procedures, and your continued support of our policies have resulted in us weathering this virus very effectively at RRH. The systems we have in place are working and they are working very well. Thank you again for believing in and supporting us. The winners are your students. While the majority of students across the nation are struggling through haphazard attempts at online learning, your student has had access to world class instructors and unique opportunities that are not available anywhere else.

As you know, the Navajo Nation has implemented strict new orders in the past few days in their attempts to control the spread of the virus on the Navajo Nation. The purpose of this letter is to discuss how RRH will support these orders while ensuring that families are able to be together as they should be, during this special time of year. In support of Navajo Nation Executive Order 10-20, Richfield Residential Hall will be closed from 20 November to 7 December.

All Richfield Residential Hall students will be excused for Thanksgiving Break at 1:00 pm on Friday, November 20th. As you are aware, our students have been in a quarantine status for two and a half weeks to ensure everyone is healthy. RRH will provide two charter buses that will transport students to Page Lumber in Page, AZ on that afternoon. Charter buses will arrive at Page Lumber between 3:30 and 4:00 pm. Due to restrictions on the Navajo Nation, the only stop we will make is at Page Lumber in Page, AZ. Please be on time to pick up your student. Since we are using charter buses, they will pull in and drop off. Students will not have a warm place to wait, so please be on time to pick them up. If Page, AZ is not a feasible location for you, you are also welcome to pick up your student at Richfield Residential Hall between the hours of 1:30 pm and 3:00 pm on Friday, November 20th.

Whether you arrive to pick up your student in Page or in Richfield, please plan to wear a mask and expect to adhere to social distancing guidelines. It will be a slower process, but we will get everyone reunited safely. Thank you in advance for your understanding of our need to implement additional safety precautions. If you plan to pick up your student in Richfield, please be aware that our facilities are closed to all visitors. You may want to consider a restroom stop before pulling into our campus as there will not be one available here.

Due to Navajo Nation Executive Order 10-20, Richfield Residential Hall will remain closed until Monday, December 7th. As such, your student will be required to complete virtual instruction for the entire week of 30 November to 4 December. During these dates, your student will have requirements in every class just as they would if they were present on our campus. We are

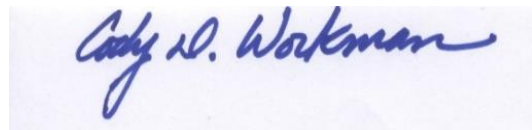
sending your student home with a Chromebook computer and they will have classes, homework, and assignments each day of that week. Please help them to be successful by ensuring they are logged in, have access to Wi-Fi, and follow through on submitting their homework.

Your student has worked very hard and is presently doing well in school. It is critical that they continue to work hard during their week of online instruction (30 Nov – 6 Dec). Each student has coordinated with each teacher and has received a list of instructions and tips for success from our team. Likewise, each student has been assigned an RRH team member as a mentor. The role of the mentor is to check in with your student each day of virtual school to provide support and encouragement. We are grateful to the teachers and administrators of Richfield High School, South Sevier High School, and Snow College as well as the staff of RRH, who are going out of their way and doing a great deal of extra work to support the efforts of the Navajo Nation to slow the spread of the virus. Please remember, that your student will return to final exams, papers, projects, etc. We will all need to work together to ensure that each student finishes this semester as strongly as possible.

We continue to remain convinced of two things. First, the best place for kids to be is in school. Second, the policies and procedures that we have in place at Richfield Residential Hall and Sevier School District have proven incredibly effective at mitigating this virus. Based on those facts, it is our intent to return our students to class as soon as practicably possible. At the conclusion of the timelines indicated in Navajo Nation Executive Order 10-20, we will return students to RRH. We will have two charter buses at **Page Lumber at 1:00 pm on Monday, December 7th**. Again, this will be the only pickup location, so please be early so that you can adhere to social distancing and screening adjustments to the bus loading process to ensure the safety of everyone. RRH campus will open at 4:00 pm for drop off outside (facilities remain closed to visitors).

It is our hope that your family will enjoy this much deserved time together and that you will be able to reflect on the blessings in your lives. In turbulent times such as these, gratitude is powerful medicine. Please ensure that you all observe the practices that we know will keep us all safe (mask wearing, social distancing, handwashing, and avoiding contact with those who may have been exposed or who may be more vulnerable) during your time together. As you think of all that you are grateful for, we want you to know that we are grateful for your continued trust and support as we work to ensure that your student continues to receive a world class education despite the turbulence around us. May your family continue to be blessed in these unique times.

Sincerely,



IMPORTANT DATES / TIMES

NOV 20: Buses leave RRH @ 1:30 PM

Buses arrive @ Page Lumber at 3:30 pm

NOV 30 -DEC 6: **Virtual School Every day 8 am – 3 pm**

DEC 7: Bus leaves Page Lumber at 1:00 pm

RRH opens @ 4:00 pm

Any adjustments to this schedule will be communicated over Remind