Dear Nevada Union Families,

Welcome Back!!! It’s hard to believe there are only a few days left of summer vacation. I hope everyone has been able to enjoy some time with family, friends, adventures, rest, and relaxation. Even during these unprecedented times Nevada Union High School is committed to building a positive school culture with a focus on learning and growth. Education is a community endeavor and we strive to serve our community and diverse stakeholders better than ever before. I continue to stand by our mission, “Shaping Experiences Today, Guaranteeing Success Tomorrow”, as this year will be a grand year in learning subject matter, skills, with a focus on empathy, understanding, perseverance, and grit. These are challenging times with an opportunity to learn about the world around us in a broader perspective and build skills for future careers unlike any other year. Thank you for being a part of the Miner Family and taking the ride with us!

The Nevada Jt. Union High School District will open school through Distance Learning with the first day of school being Monday, August 17, 2020. District-wide, staff have been working all summer designing and creating a smooth implementation process to bring education to students in a distance setting. While we are returning to similar conditions as we left in the Spring, which forced schools to close and immediately create distance plans to continue educating students, our summer work has better prepared us as a district to facilitate distance learning, with accountability of staff and students, engaging students on a whole new level with curriculum that has been created to support staff and students, a check-in system that will include student accountability and resources such as wellness, tutoring, teacher office hours and weekly staff collaboration, communication and training, to continue being the top-notch District of choice for your student(s).

We will be looking to incoming families to decide on their initial technology resource needs. Nevada Union High School is faced with the same circumstances as the many schools across our county, state and nation who have also gone to Distance Learning. This includes a shortage of Chromebook availability for our Freshman class due to the increased demand.

Loaner Chromebook Information
Each year all incoming students receive a new Chromebook laptop for use during their studies. This year, due to global Coronavirus supply chain interruption, our order of Dell Chromebooks is currently delayed. If students would like to utilize their personal or home computer devices they can. For those that would like to pick up a loaner chromebook until the new ones arrive, they will be available Thursday or Friday based on the schedule posted on the website. Please fill out this short survey ASAP to let us know if you plan to pick up a loaner Chromebook: https://forms.gle/np1KTQYetQa1uA4u9

Technology Onboarding Information
For all new students, we will provide "one sheets" to be distributed at Chromebook pick up on how to login to the Chromebook, how to log into email, how to log into Schoology, and how to log into Student Vue to access schedules.
Schedules will be released after 5pm on Friday. Please see our Schedule Change Policy under the Counseling tab on our website, in regards to change requests. During this 2020-21 school year we will have less ability to move students around due to students possibly returning in person at some point in designated alpha cohorts. The cohorts for Nevada Union have been set up to balance classes and maintain proper social distancing.

We are not issuing school lockers or PE lockers at this point in time. Should we return to a cohort or full school schedule, lockers will be available to students wishing to utilize them. PE uniforms will be available for purchase upon students returning to campus.

The Nevada Joint Union High School District will offer students a curb-side meal service during the start of the 20-21 school year. Every Wednesday, beginning on August 19, 2020, a hot lunch will be available that day as well as a 5-day meal bag consisting of five (5) breakfasts and four (4) more lunches to be distributed between 11:30am and 1:30pm in the Nevada Union parking lot. Free meals will be available only for students in our district who are eligible for the National School Lunch Program. Families need to complete a new form annually per family. We have included one in this mailing or you can complete the information online (https://www.myschoolapps.com/Application). Please drop off your completed applications to the District office as soon as possible. You may also drop them off at the first Wednesday food pick up. If you have questions regarding meal service, please contact Theresa Ruiz at 530-273-9788. Food services information is always available on the District’s website under the Parent’s tab.

Our school offices, library and student store are open for business. In an effort to slow the spread of COVID-19, face masks are required of everyone while on the Nevada Union Campus, indoors, and wherever social distancing cannot be maintained. Despite these efforts, the risk of virus transmission remains. Now more than ever, we will all have to continue to work together to slow the spread of COVID-19. We need to do that every day -- and every single hour of the day. It will take all of us to be committed to a true spirit of collaboration while we are on campus, when we return to classrooms and after-hours in our homes and places of work. By wearing face masks, we further demonstrate that NUHS’s students, staff, faculty and community members deeply care for each other’s health and safety.

Please read more information from our School District (www.njuhsd.com) about plans for fall startup and Distance Learning as it becomes available. Both the District and myself, Principal Kelly Rhoden, will be sending communications out to families in a variety of ways over the next few days and weeks. Due to our distance learning model it is imperative that we have your student(s) information correct in the student information system. Please review and update these records either through your existing ParentVUE account or contact the registrars if you do not have an account as of yet. There are new required fields for the 20-21 school year, so we are asking all families to run through this process. If both parents want to receive broadcast emails, each parent will need a ParentVUE account.

If you need assistance with either ParentVUE or StudentVUE, please contact our registrars at 530-273-4431 (x2002 or 2010) or the helpdesk at 530-272-9998 or helpdesk@njuhsd.com.

We appreciate everyone’s patience as this new model of school rolls out. We have spent most of the summer as mentioned earlier in this letter, preparing for an excellent curriculum. During the first week of school we will be distributing textbooks and holding online segments for staff, parents and students to learn how to work successfully within the distance learning model. We will be taking attendance on a daily basis, so it will be important to have students engage appropriately. Students will be expected to log into their virtual classes for
designated periods assigned to each day from 8:30am to 12:30pm, with the exception of Wednesdays, which is full distance. District-wide we have moved to a single learning management system, Schoology, that students will use for all Distance Learning. More information will be available soon on navigating this process and how students will check-in for attendance beginning with the first day of school on Monday, August 17, 2020. Please watch the website and student email for these updates.

Our bell schedule for the first week of school and the following weeks will be posted on the website in our daily event calendar as well as listed under information. The final bell schedule will be posted to the Information tab / Bell Schedule once the schedule has been approved by the Board of Trustees on Wednesday, August 12th.

In addition to All-Calls and emails, we utilize and update our website to be the information source, so please bookmark numiners.com! We will make information available on our website homepage for important updates affecting all students; under the Information tab for a variety of resources; and you'll receive the weekly Principal’s message by email which are always available under NU News. We also utilize the Activities by Grade Level tab on the website where specific Textbook distribution timelines are posted as well as the grade-level schedule for the week of August 17 - 21.

**DATES TO BE AWARE OF:**

**August 13, 2020**

**District-wide Parent Meeting**

Join Zoom Meeting:
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84091091228?pwd=eFZENEo0UHVLeEZxYThCUWdScUNidz09
Meeting ID: 840 9109 1228
Passcode: 539408
Phone: 1 (669) 900-9128

**August 13, 2020**

**Freshmen & New Student Parent Informational Night**

Join Zoom Meeting:
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83326359951?pwd=bG9DSdgcHJCU1RuK0R5QTZzSHcvdz09
Meeting ID: 833 2635 9951
Passcode: 1PMLL2
Dial in: +1 669 900 9128
Meeting ID: 833 2635 9951
Passcode: 121996

**August 15, 2020**

**Class Schedules Released**

5:00PM

**August 17, 2020**

**First Day of School, See Grade-level schedules here**

8:30AM

**Week of Welcome**

**August 13 & 14, 2020**

**Chromebook checkout to Freshmen & New Students:**

Thursday 8/13: Noon - 2:30pm and 4:00pm - 6:30pm
Friday 8/14: 8:00am-10:30am and 11:00am-2:00pm

**August 17 - 21, 2020**

**Textbook Pick Up-All students**

**Scheduled Blocks Posted on Website under Activities by Grade Level**

**September 1, 2020**

**Site Council Elections** (TBA)
If you are interested in serving on Nevada Union’s Site Council, please contact the Principal’s Secretary at 530-273-4431 x2004 or email to nuprincipal@njuhsd.com to show your interest. You can review information on our website under the information tab.

Thank you all again for your patience and time as we prepare plans to begin the 2020-2021 school year. We look forward to connecting with all of our students, families, and the community.

GO...MINERS!
Kelly Rhoden, Principal

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