

## **Ball Charter Schools Academic Update August 12, 2020**

Dear Parents and Guardians:

The safe and expedient opening of school is a top priority for our Governing Boards and school administrators at Arizona Ball Charter Schools. Your continued support and participation in our outstanding academic programs are appreciated.

Of all the challenges facing the Ball Charter Schools communities during this time of Covid-19, one of the most difficult is how we can continue to provide an exemplary education for all of our students while still maintaining their safety and the safety of our staff and faculty.

Our goal is to provide the safest and best education for your student. Whether it be in-person, online, or a combination of both, and we are dedicated to continuing to provide the same high level of education that you have come to expect from Ball Charter Schools.

After considering staff, faculty, and student-families' input, along with current Covid-19 metrics and guidance from the Arizona Department of Health Services (AZDHS) regarding school reopening, Arizona Ball Charter Schools Governing Boards have approved the following dates:

- Distance learning will begin for all students on August 17, 2020.
- On-site learning opportunities and support services will be provided also beginning on August 17, 2020 [\[for students and families in need of such\]](#).
- Hearn Academy has a prepared response plan that will address students who may qualify as "in need" for school-centered learning space and technology assistance for our digital curriculum the week of August 17-21, 2020.
- In-person instruction will begin for all students on August 24, 2020 for families who selected this model for the first quarter of this school year.



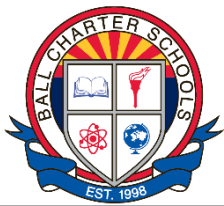
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Each of our school campuses is undertaking extensive safety protocols that include, but are not limited to, safe distancing, hygienic ventilation systems, mask guidelines, and prescreening procedures.

We understand how challenging it has been to make definitive plans within an ever evolving and unpredictable environment such as this. The in-person instruction beginning date of August 24, 2020 is firm, at this time, provided that AZDHS Covid-19 metrics do not warrant the consideration of further postponement.

During this unprecedented time, Arizona Ball Charter Schools continues to be committed to data-informed and people-focused decision making that supports both the need for health and safety along with the educational needs of our students and families.

Regards,

Arizona Ball Charter Schools Governing Boards  
John Huppenthal, President  
Mike Sobieski, Vice President



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