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After much thought and consideration, the Kaibeto Boarding School will be returning to school in August 2021, once the Navajo Nation Council votes to open schools on the reservation. This will allow for approximately half the number of students to attend school in-person every other day. Please note that additional days may be provided to students who require extra support, including our special education students, English Learners and others who require further interventions and support. Families will also have the option to select a 100% Distance Teaching for students with underlying health conditions or who simply prefer this educational model at this time. A process will also be put in place to allow families to adjust their preference when circumstances change.

The most asked question is, "Is it Safe?" now, and the answer is "yes". Given the current safety guidelines from the U.S. Dept of Education, the CDC Guidelines, BIE Guidelines and the Dine Division of Education, schools can reopen if we are able to mitigate the risk of transmission through social distancing, the wearing of a mask and practicing a regular hand washing and sanitizing routine.

Kaibeto Boarding School and the Bureau of Indian Education have been working to plan the reopening of schools. Some members who have had input are teachers, staff, board members, administrators, Parent Advisory Committee, parents, and community members. This reopening plan focuses on: health and safety, teaching and learning, child nutrition, transportation, family and community engagement, technology, and facilities.

We have been reviewing and evaluating procedures, standards and best practices and having discussions with stakeholders, while developing the best solutions for our school community and individual buildings. After listening to others, we made the decision to recommend moving toward a Hybrid learning environment based solely on the health and safety of our staff and students.

Moving forward, we will continue to work closely with others, the Bureau of Indian Education, the Indian Health Services, and the Navajo Nation to determine if or when offering in-person classes is no longer safe. If this occurs, we will transition to a 100% Distance Teaching environment again.

In closing, please know that the Kaibeto Boarding School community is working together to create a solution that will work for our students. We are confident that by working together and embracing the opportunity presented by the Hybrid model learning environment, we will provide all students with a safe and successful school year for 2021-2022.

Thank-you,

Administration  
Kaibeto Boarding School