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Dear Families,

I hope everyone is doing well.

As we roll into September, we will start to forego weekly updates from me, allowing for most information to come to you directly from your headmaster. Should anything meaningful for the entire network occur, we will certainly update you.

On that front, we do want to share the results we have received from the testing lab. Since beginning testing on August 12th, our overall network positivity rate is 0.6%.

To put it into perspective; The Department of Health and Safety deems reopening schools permissible when community positivity rates are below 7%. Our community is more than 7 times lower than what DHS prefers. This is something to celebrate.

It is also worth noting that the testing we have done for faculty and staff since August 12th has been extensive. Thankfully, we have had zero confirmed positive cases among colleagues so far. Good news, for sure. That testing will continue to be available for our faculty and staff in the weeks and months ahead.

For the small group of individuals that did test positive, processes are in place for the lab to notify the individuals, schedule a follow up test to confirm positivity, direct to start quarantine, and direct to notify the Headmaster. Per privacy laws, we do not know the names of the individuals and cannot contact them ourselves.

As directed by the Arizona Department of Health, your headmaster will notify you if two or more positive cases have been verified on your campus.

Should you have any follow up questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out.

All my best,

Erik

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