



# WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

## (Approving the John F Kennedy Schools AY 2021-2022 Reopening Plan)

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**WHEREAS,** The Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe (“Tribe”) of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation (“Constitution”) provides, at Article IV, Section 1(a) that the Tribal Council (“Council”) shall exercise the power “[t]o represent the tribe and act in all matters that concern the welfare of the Tribe, and to make decision not inconsistent with or contrary to this constitution”; and

**WHEREAS,** The John F Kennedy Day School, a BIE operated school located on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation (“Reservation”) has requested tribal input on the school year 2021-2022 Reopening Plan (as attached) which was sent to the Tribal Council for review on July 21, 2021; and

**WHEREAS,** The Tribe’s Emergency Operations Center (“EOC”) and the Whiteriver Indian Health Service (“IHS”) conducted a public health centered walkthrough of the school grounds on July 15, 2021, in anticipation of the upcoming school start and provided suggestions for the reopening plan, which were incorporated into it; and

**WHEREAS,** The reopening plan does not require the John F Kennedy Day School Board’s approval, but its approval by the Tribe will be shared with them at the next regularly scheduled school board meeting; and

**WHEREAS,** The EOC and IHS have reviewed the plan and are satisfied with the outline, with the understanding that this document is subject to change as the situation evolves, and they, this day, recommend the reopening plan for the Council’s approval; and

**WHEREAS,** The EOC recommends moving forward with the “Model One: Face-to-Face Instruction” subject to the Quarter One Timeline with Distance and Online Options in their 2021-2022 Reopening Plan; and

**WHEREAS,** The Council, relying upon the recommendations of the EOC and I.H.S. finds that their recommendations to approve The John F Kennedy Day School’s 2021-2022 Reopening Plan are sound and should be approved.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves of the John F Kennedy Day School moving forward with their Module One: Face-to-Face Instruction subject to the Quarter One Timeline as outlined in their Reopening Plan (Attached).

***Resolution No. 08-2021-155***

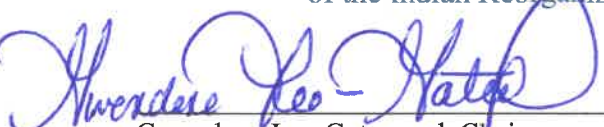
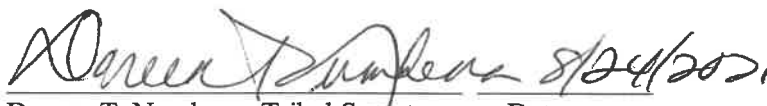
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby instructs the John F Kennedy Day School to continue working with the EOC and IHS to provide a safe learning place for our Apache students.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs that in the event this Resolution directly conflicts with the Tribal Constitution, Tribal Ordinances, or any material facts concerning the issues presented are later found to be false, this Resolution shall be deemed null and void and have no legal effect.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs that in the event that this Resolution conflicts with a prior Resolution or Policy, this Resolution shall supersede and govern over the conflicting subject matter.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Chairwoman, or in her absence, the Vice-Chairman, is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.

The foregoing resolution was on AUGUST 16, 2020 duly adopted by a vote of SEVEN for, ZERO against, and ZERO abstentions by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it under the enumerated powers listed in Article IV, Section 1 of the WMAT Constitution, so ratified on September 30, 1993, and federally recognized pursuant to Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).

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Gwendena Lee-Gatewood, Chairwoman	Date	Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary	Date



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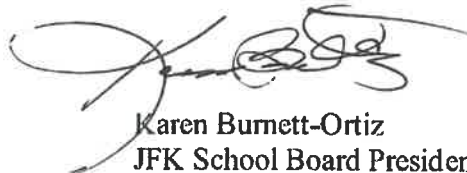
Dear White Mountain Apache Tribe,

In preparation for the upcoming school year, Acting Principal Richelle Etsitty communicated John F. Kennedy Day School's (JFK) Reopening Plan for School Year 2021-2022. JFK plans to fully reopen schools for the SY 2021-2020 through the following instructional models:

- **Face-to-Face:** Students are physically in the school building receiving face-to-face instruction from their assigned teachers.
- **Hybrid:** Combines face-to-face and online learning into one cohesive experience. Approximately half of the instructional sessions are face-to-face, while the other is provided online.
- **Online:** Students receive the classroom curriculum from a certified teacher, through online digital programs.
- **Distance:** Students receive the classroom curriculum from their assigned in-person teacher, through alternative means (i.e., learning packets, phone calls, pre-recorded sessions, video-conferencing).

JFK plans includes a timeline for transitions between learning models for the first quarter of school in which students participating in Family and Child Education (FACE), Special Education, and students in grades K-3 will start face-to-face instruction on August 23. Students in grades 4-8 will begin hybrid instruction on September 6 and face-to-face instruction on September 20.

On behalf of the JFK School Board, this letter serves as the board's support for JFK to proceed with school operations in accordance with the Reopening Plan for School Year 2021-2022.



Karen Burnett-Ortiz  
JFK School Board President