



SHONTO PREPARATORY SCHOOLS

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Empowering Student Learning Through Quality Education

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Dear SPS Parents and Guardians,

I hope that the summer provided you an opportunity to spend quality time with your family. I recognize that as a community we continue to navigate through some difficult challenges. As individuals, we all have unique and valid perspectives. However, as Shonto Preparatory staff we all have the same commitment to serving your students as they enter our schools. For many of our students, August 8, 2022 may be their first day back in our classrooms since the beginning of the pandemic. My hope is that through Shonto Preparatory School's focus on restoring and rebuilding relationships with students and their families, Shonto Preparatory will be THE place where everyone feels challenged to learn and supported in their growth process. Throughout the school year, we will maintain our focus on the following priorities:

- **Health & Safety-** On July 29, 2022, the Shonto Governing Board of Education, Inc. approved the Shonto Preparatory School's Reopening Plan. This comprehensive plan identifies the strategies that will be implemented to mitigate the risk of spread of COVID-19 in our schools. We continually monitor state, local, and Navajo Nation data, including level of community transmission, active cases, and vaccination opportunities to guide our decision making regarding the mitigation strategies. The approved Reopening Plan will be presented in a Public Forum on Wednesday, August 3, 2022 at 5:30 pm and on Thursday, August 4, 2022 at 5:30 pm via Zoom for the parents, guardians and community.

Join Zoom Meeting-

<https://shontopreporg.zoom.us/j/81914589820?pwd=SzZSZUFwaG5lYkFKZ2lUQklqUGMwUT09>

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- **High quality instruction-** The return to consistent, in-person instruction means that all of our students will have access to high quality instructional practices, such as small group instruction, targeted interventions, and hands-on learning.

On behalf of the Shonto Preparatory Governing Board, administrative team and teachers, welcome back to the 2022-2023 school year!

Respectfully,

Mrs. Melanie Dewakuku, Superintendent
Shonto Preparatory Schools