

Pendergast Elementary SD #92

Keeping Students Fed and Connected During Coronavirus Closures



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District has 10,000 students
and transporting 1,500

To deliver meals Caleb Holman, Director of Transportation, Pendergast Elementary School District #92, Phoenix, AZ, selected bus stops in communities and created bus routes linking them. Caleb selected specific routes that made the most sense in order to reach the most students. His buses drive to the schools to pick up food and then drive to the selected stops where they remain for a duration.

To stay on top of what's happening in the field, so he can make correct adjustments to his routes he is using Google docs. Each day the routes are adjusted as they are gathering more information. He has a master document that he tracks the bus delivery and where the food is in real-time, including how many kids are served at each stop multiplied by 2, because they are delivering breakfast and lunch.

When school closures were announced on Friday, March 13 he manually put his routes together and started delivering the very next Tuesday. By the end of the week he determined the average number of meals distributed. To share some numbers, one bus delivered 65 lunches at the 1st stop and 68 at the second stop. From one bus alone meals were delivered to 613 kids. On Friday, March 20 they delivered a total of 7,500 meals. They are currently running 7 buses using 42 stop locations.

In addition, they are servicing special education students, delivering food and curriculum. On these routes he has the driver for the bus and a food service employee to hand out the meals.

To provide information to the community there is a live Google doc link on the district website that shows the stops and parents can search the address to find their stop.