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Re: Coronavirus Update

Dear Anaheim Elementary School District Families,

This is an update on our efforts to protect public health and optimize a safe learning environment for our students.

Based on the information we have received from the California Department of Public Health, the risk for Coronavirus infection in Orange County remains low. However, due to the guidance we have received today, effective immediately we are taking the following actions.

All large student, staff, and parent gatherings are postponed until further notice. This includes all fieldtrips, assemblies, student performances, and extracurricular activities such as dance, sports, and music.

We recognize this will cause difficulty and disappointment. Students and educators have worked hard to prepare for these trips, events, and performances. Families and community members are an essential part of schools, and we encourage their engagement and participation, however, at this time these steps are necessary and appropriate to protect the safety of all as determined by health officials.

Principals will be sending out separate communications regarding the site-specific activities to ensure that all stakeholders are informed.

We appreciate your patience and understanding. These decisions are based on the latest information we have received from government health care agencies and at this time the direction is that schools are to remain open and classes to remain on normal instructional schedules.

As you are aware this is an evolving situation and as additional guidance is received we will communicate it with you immediately.

Please continue to check our website <u>aesd.org</u> for updated information.

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