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Re: Distance Learning Continues

Dear Anaheim Elementary School District Families,

Welcome back from Spring Break. Although the break may have looked different than usual, we hope it was still an opportunity for your family to enjoy each other in the safety of your home. On the news you may have seen all the creative ways that people are finding to celebrate important days and create community while still maintaining social distancing. Handling our current situation with grace, ingenuity, and a smile teaches children resiliency, which is one of the most valuable lessons that can come out of adversity.

Tomorrow, Tuesday, April 14, AESD Distance Learning begins once again and our teachers look forward to seeing students log into Google Classroom or Seesaw to access new lessons and activities. It is important that your child participates in Distance Learning to continue to make academic progress. By nature, children seek structure and familiarity, and Distance Learning offers both.

If your child still needs access to the internet at home, an adult from your household can stop by the District Office this Thursday, April 16, or this Friday, April 17, from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. to request a WiFi hotspot. For the safety of all, if you need to come to the District Office, please follow social distancing and hygiene practices, including keeping a 6 foot distance from others and covering your face as recommended by health officials.

There have been questions about state testing, including how that would take place this school year and whether it would have an impact on your child's educational advancement. The California Department of Education has decided that all state testing will be eliminated for this school year and children will not be penalized.

Lastly, here are some useful links to resources that you can continue to access throughout the school dismissal:

- Distance Learning and supplemental educational activities through the student portal ([link here](#)).
- Free meals, with the help of our partners, at all 23 AESD schools for children 18 years or younger ([link here](#)).
- Support by phone (714) 517-7500 or email [support@aesd.org](mailto:support@aesd.org).

Kind regards,

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