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Dear Anaheim Elementary School District Families,

There are many questions about when the next school year will start and how schools will look when they open. As you know, the coronavirus pandemic continues to be a fluid public health situation, but at this time we can confirm the following:

The 2020-2021 school year is still scheduled to begin on August 13, 2020. We continue to work with guidance from health officials, state and county education officials, and AESD stakeholders to determine what school will look like for students during the fall trimester. We have formed a district advisory committee to collaboratively create our district plan for reopening our schools in a way that prioritizes everyone's health and safety while also supporting students' educational progress.

The advisory committee will include representation from the following groups: AESD Board of Education, Creativity Council, DAC/DELAC, PTA, Community Advisory Committee, Certificated and Classified staff leadership and representation from each school, and parent representation from each school.

In the coming days, you will also receive a survey that will provide you with the opportunity to provide our district your input on the safe reopening of schools.

We would like to re-emphasize that the health and safety of students and staff is a priority and every decision we make will be centered on this commitment. We will continue to update you as we receive direction from health and education officials, and from our advisory committee.

Kind Regards, Dr. Christopher Downing Superintendent

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