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Dear Anaheim Elementary School District Families,

As we have been preparing for the start of the 2020-21 school year, we have continued to closely monitor the latest information on the coronavirus pandemic and the guidance from local and state agencies. While we have been actively monitoring the ever-changing situation, our staff has also been working diligently to implement safety measures and protocols at our school sites that support good health and hygiene.

Although we all want our students to return to our school sites as soon as possible, it is our responsibility to only allow students and staff on campus when conditions allow for safe in-person instruction. The latest information we have received from the Orange County Health Care Agency indicates an alarming increase in positive COVID-19 cases in Anaheim, and there is now a documented rise in cases in children.

Based on this information, we have called a Special Meeting for the Board of Education to discuss the current environment and consider the best format to deliver instruction for students at this time. The **Special Meeting will take place Thursday, July 16, at 1 p.m.** The [agenda](#) for the meeting, including information on how to listen and how to submit comments, can be found on our [aesd.org](#) website.

Following the meeting, we will send out a communication updating you on any actions taken. We thank you for your trust as we make these challenging decisions and assure you that the safety and health of our students and staff is our priority.

Best Regards,  
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