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Dear Anaheim Elementary School District Families,

This afternoon the AESD Board of Education met during a Special Meeting to discuss the current environment caused by the coronavirus and consider the best format to deliver instruction to students at this time.

Based on information we have received from the Orange County Health Care Agency indicating an alarming increase in positive COVID-19 cases in Anaheim, and a documented rise in cases in children, **the AESD Board voted and approved to begin the 2020-21 school year in a fully Distance Learning model until further notice.** We will continue monitoring the situation and maintain communication with you as updates are available.

The **first day of school is still scheduled for Thursday, August 13, 2020**, and to follow are some enhancements to our Distance Learning model as well as information that will help you plan for the new school year:

- New: Live daily video interaction with teachers and classmates via Microsoft Teams.
- Classroom teacher assignments will be sent to parents via email or US mail by August 7, 2020.
- Kindergarten students: School administrators will contact families to set up appointments to receive technology during the first week of August.
- Meals: meal distribution will continue at each school site Monday through Friday.
- Childcare: we will continue to work with the YMCA to offer full day childcare on our school sites through their Anaheim Achieves program. Interested parents can access information for enrollment [here](#).

As the first day of school approaches, we will share additional information with you to help your child start the new school year. We can't express enough our gratitude to our AESD families for your support and understanding as we continue to navigate these unprecedented times with the unwavering commitment to keeping the safety and health of our students and staff our priority.

Best Regards,
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