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Dear AESD Families,

The following information is provided to keep you informed about the Anaheim Elementary School District:

Important Technology Notice

This Friday, February 12, we will be performing updates to our network system from 5:30-8:00pm. During this time, school-related computer programs may not be available. If you have any questions, please contact your school.

Update on School Reopening

This week, the School Reopening Advisory Committee (SRAC) met to review the progress of the District to implement safety protocols, reviewed the most recent guidance from the CDE and California Public Department of Health, and reviewed the current COVID-19 data for Anaheim. The following [presentation](#) was shared with the SRAC and at the February 10, 2021, AESD Board of Education meeting.

Although the AESD Board of Education has approved a planned return to in-person instruction beginning March 15, 2021, currently, because the case rates in Orange County remain above 25 new cases per 100,000 citizens and per the OC Health Care Agency and guidance from the California Department of Public Health, our schools are currently required to remain in distance learning until further notice.

The SRAC will meet again on March 2 to review the most recent COVID data and to provide a recommendation to the Board of Education regarding the March 15 planned reopening. We remain realistic and aware that there is an expected rise in COVID-19 data due to Super Bowl gatherings and Valentine's Day; but are also aware that Orange County COVID-19 data is improving and the County has expanded opportunities for vaccinations that help mitigate the spread that has so greatly impacted our community and schools.

Please know that our District has continued to implement health protocols and taken actions to maximize the safety of our stakeholders when we are able to safely reopen. The following instructional supports are now available:

1001 S. East Street
Anaheim, CA 92805-5749
Phone: 714-517-7500
Fax: 714-517-8538
www.aesd.org

- **Opportunity for In-Person Assessment of Emergent Bilingual Students**

Each year our emergent bilingual students' English language proficiency is assessed through the English Language Proficiency Assessments of California (ELPAC). For the 2021 spring administration of the ELPAC, students will be able to take their assigned tests remotely.

Beginning February 22, 2021, students will be assessed in the following order: 6th grade, 5th grade, 4th grade and 3rd grade to Transitional Kindergarten. If you have questions or concerns, or if you would prefer that your child is tested on-campus, please reach out to your school Principal.

- **Continuing Opportunity for Tutoring**

We continue to offer after school and Saturday small-group tutoring for interested families. Parents may contact your school principal to schedule your child's participation in these tutoring sessions.

Lunch Grab and Go-Fridays at the District Office

Please join us on Friday as there will be an opportunity for District families to get a week's worth of meals for each student. This additional Grab and Go opportunity will take place from 10:30 am-12:00 pm at the District Office located at 1001 S. East Street, Anaheim, CA 92805.

Our District will continue to monitor the guidance from the state and COVID-19 data for Anaheim with a focus on the health and safety of our staff, students, and community. We will continue to communicate any changes in our calendar to stakeholders as soon as possible.

Thank you for your ongoing support of the Anaheim Elementary School District. We wish you continued safety and good health!

Sincerely,
Dr. Christopher Downing
Superintendent