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Dear AESD Families,

We hope that you are having a great summer vacation. We look forward to welcoming your student back as we return to full-day in-person instruction. As we prepare for the start of the new school year on August 12, 2021, the following update is provided to keep you informed regarding the Anaheim Elementary School District:

On July 12, the CA Department of Public Health (CDPH) updated their guidance for K-12 schools for the 2021-22 school year. As part of our District process for finalizing this year's beginning of the year safety protocols, we consulted the guidance from both CDPH and the O.C. Health Care Agency. Many of the safety guidelines have remained the same, but there are a few significant changes highlighted below. You can access the entire AESD COVID-19 Safety Plan at aesd.org.

- All students and staff are required to wear a mask indoors in all District buildings.
- Masks outside are optional.
- Masks must be worn in school buses and District vehicles unless alone.
- There are no minimum physical distancing guidelines.
- Plexiglass shields will be removed from student desks.
- Students will be screened for temperatures and symptoms at home before coming to school. Every family will be provided a no-touch thermometer before the first day of school. All employees will continue to self screen, take their temperature, and complete the symptom survey on Company Nurse before reporting to work. All visitors will be asked symptom questions verbally upon arrival and have their temperature taken.
- Access to school by nonessential visitors, volunteers, and activities involving external groups will be limited.

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.

On behalf of our Board of Education and all staff members, thank you for your continued support of the Anaheim Elementary School District.

Sincerely,
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