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Dear AESD Families,

The following update is provided to keep you informed regarding the Anaheim Elementary School District:

Update on Weekly COVID-19 Data for Anaheim

Our District continues to prioritize the health and safety of stakeholders as our top priority. As we have communicated, California no longer reports data within the tiered colored system. The City of Anaheim is also discontinuing the collection and sharing of COVID-19 data, effective this week. This is a [link](#) to the Orange County Health Care Agency to provide you with access to Orange County data.

COVID-19 Safety

It is important that we all remain vigilant in our safety protocols. CDPH has shifted its masking guidance from a strong recommendation in all indoor settings to advising the general population to use the [CDC Community Levels](#) to inform masking recommendations. Other safety protocols include frequently washing our hands and seeking testing when displaying any symptoms of COVID.

Please continue to self-screen your child before coming to school. If your child has any COVID-19 symptoms, keep them at home and report their absence to your school.

CAIKids: Low-Income Students in Grades 1-12 May Be Eligible for State College Savings Account

The State of California is proud to announce the launch of the California Kids Investment and Development Savings Program (CalKIDS). CalKIDS gives children in California a jump start on saving for college or career training. To be eligible for CalKIDS, participants must be:

- Born in California on or after July 1, 2022; or
- An eligible low-income public school student (defined by the Local Control Funding Formula) in grades 1-12 in California.

All participants receive a seed deposit in a CalKIDS account to help pay for future education after high school. To find out more about the program, watch this [Meet CalKIDS video](#) and visit [CalKids website](#).

To access their CalKIDS account, eligible low-income students or their parents will need to register on the online [CalKIDS portal](#), which requires key information, including the child's Statewide Student Identifier (SSID). Students' SSIDs can be found on the [Aeries Parent Portal](#). This [brief tutorial](#) shows how to access your child's SSID.

For questions or to learn more about CalKIDS, call 1-888-445-2377, Monday-Friday between 8 am – 5 pm (PST), closed for major holidays.



October is College and Career Awareness Month:

As part of Anaheim Educational PLEDGE, AESD is committed to promoting October as our College and Career Month. It is our goal that every school provides a College and Career Week of learning and/or experiences for their students and families that inspire students to “seize their future.” Also, **4th -6th grade students and families are invited to join Anaheim Union High School District's (AUHSD) annual College and Career Fair on Thursday, October 6, 2022, at the Anaheim Convention Center** from 5:00 pm -8:00 pm with transportation to and from the center available. Please refer to the linked flyers ([Korean](#), [English](#) and [Spanish](#)) with specific pickup and drop off locations.

On behalf of our Board of Education and staff members, thank you for your ongoing support of AESD.

Sincerely,
Dr. Christopher Downing
Superintendent