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## **Board of Education**

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## 3/30/2020

## RE: Prior Written Notice Re School/District Closure to Prevent/Contain the Spread of COVID-19 (Coronavirus)

Parents and/or Guardians,

This letter is written prior notice by the Anaheim Elementary School District ("District"), pursuant to 34 CFR § 300.503, that during the closure of the district, educational services are scheduled to resume via distance learning opportunities on 4/1/2020. This prior written notice is an update to the previous prior written notice dated 3/13/2020.

Currently, AESD is closed through April 17, 2020 though it is possible that the length of the closure will be extended. This will be determined in consultation with the Center for Disease Control ("CDC"), California Department of Education ("CDE"), and Department of Public Health ("DPH").

In making this determination, the District reviewed and considered the following:

- Recommendations from the Center for Disease Control,
- Recommendations from the California Department of Education,
- Recommendations from the Department of Public Health, and
- All other relevant information available to the District,

It is the District's intention to resume normal operations as soon as it is safe and advisable to do so.

While previously (3/13/2020 prior written notice), we had notified you that the District was not providing any services to any students during closure, this decision has been re-evaluated by the District. As of 4/1/2020, all current AESD students will be provided access to distance learning opportunities. The District will be providing individualized support and/or services to all currently eligible students with disabilities on a limited basis depending upon the services in students' IEPs. Your student's agreed upon special education supports and services will fully resume when the school and District re-open.

During the continuing closure, the District will be tolling any and all assessment and initial Individualized Education Program ("IEP") timelines. Thus, until the schools reopen for all students, the District will not be convening assessment sessions or initial IEP team meetings absent specific exceptions. If your child was in the process of an initial assessment, it will not be completed until the District reopens.

If the District remains closed beyond 4/17/2020, we will be making efforts to convene annual and triennial IEP team meetings during the remaining closure. You will be offered multiple methods for participating (e.g., telephonically and via Google Meet) in these annual and triennial IEP team meetings. Alternatively, you can provide consent for staff to meet without you during the closure, review paperwork sent home, and then request an additional meeting once schools have reopened.

Please be advised that the parents of a child with a disability have protection under the federal parental rights and procedural safeguards set forth in 34 C.F.R. Part 300. Enclosed you will find a copy of those parental rights and procedural safeguards. The sources which

you may contact to obtain assistance in understanding the provisions of the enclosed procedural safeguards are:

Anaheim Elementary School District 1001 S. East Street Anaheim, CA 92805 and California Department of Education P.O. Box 944272 Sacramento, CA 94244-2720

If you have questions, please contact your child's provider or case manager via district email. All staff members are working remotely to support their safety. You may also reach me via district email at kcinco@aesd.org.

Thank you for your patience during this national emergency.

Sincerely,

Senior Director of Special Services/SELPA

Enclosure:

1. Parental Rights and Procedural Safeguards