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Dear Anaheim Elementary School District Families,

Tomorrow is the last day of school and on behalf of our teachers, staff, and administration, we would like to thank you, the families of our students, for the incredible commitment you have shown these past few months. Nobody could have anticipated that the school year would change the way it did, but our strong home-school partnership helped us be adaptive to help continue with valuable learning opportunities for our students.

In the coming weeks, we will continue to work with the guidance received from health, county, and state agencies, and the collaboration of our AESD School Reopening Advisory Committee, to develop and present to you our plan for the start of the 2020-21 school year. We do want to be transparent and share with you that although we are developing a plan, circumstances related to the coronavirus pandemic can change which could require us to adjust our plans. Do know that you have our commitment to continue to keep the health and safety of students, families, and staff as the priority of our plans and we will always act accordingly to the best of our ability.

This summer, there will continue to be resources available to students and families, including:

- **Free meals** Monday through Friday at <u>all 23 AESD school sites</u> provided in partnership with the Anaheim YMCA.
- **Summer reading program** and other activities through the Anaheim Public Library.
- Students in TK-5th grade students will be keeping their Chromebooks and Hotspots for voluntary continued learning over the summer through the <u>Digital Resources</u> available on the AESD student portal through SeeSaw and Google Classroom.
- Additional educational resources are available, including Counseling, by contacting the district at (714) 517-7500

I would also like to acknowledge the difficult social situations taking place across our country at this time. At the Anaheim Elementary School District, we know the great responsibility we have to educate all students with equitable opportunities and empowerment within a culture of kindness, and we know that this is the best way we can prepare children for a prosperous future. This is a commitment we have held for years and it will continue to guide us.

On behalf of the AESD Board, Cabinet, teachers, and staff, we wish you continue health and safety this summer break.

Kind Regards, Dr. Christopher Downing Superintendent

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