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Dear AESD Families,

The following information is provided to keep you informed about our District:

As part of our ongoing partnership with the Orange County Health Care Agency and Latino Health Access there will be free COVID-19 testing centers for families and students at the following sites:

- Edison School - October 13
- Ponderosa School - October 27

Starting this Friday, October 2, students will be given a Saturday lunch when they pick up their Friday lunch at the Grab n Go. Please see the linked [flyer](#) for more information.

We continue to monitor the differentiated COVID-19 cases and positivity rates for the city of Anaheim. Although there is a continuing decline in the trend data, the current rates for Anaheim (10.4 new cases per 100,000 residents) remain above the data for Orange County as a whole (7 new cases per 100,000 residents). Due to our higher COVID-19 data, our schools will continue to remain in Distance Learning format until further notice.

To begin the process of identifying a proposed date to safely reopen in-person blended learning, we are reconvening our School Reopening Advisory Committee which will meet on Tuesday, October 6, 2020. Parent representatives will participate representing every school site as well as the PTA, DAC/DELAC, and the Community Advisory Committee.

During the meeting, stakeholders will review COVID-19 data; review the results of the recent parent survey; review the procedures and protocols that have been established to ensure a safe reopening; and review the PPEs that will be available for every staff member and student. Please contact your school administrator if you would like to provide additional feedback to our safe reopening, above and beyond the parent survey.

We received information that parents might be getting calls from outside agencies offering learning support. Please know that your school and the district will always identify themselves when calling you, if someone does not please exercise caution and do not provide information regarding your child.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our district. We wish you continued health and safety.

Sincerely,

Dr. Christopher Downing, Superintendent