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Dear AESD Families,

The following information is provided to keep you updated regarding the Anaheim Elementary School District.

Due to the rising COVID-19 data in Anaheim and all of Orange County, the District will take the following steps:

- **State Guidance on School Reopening**

As a reminder, on November 16, 2020, Governor Newsom and state public health officials announced immediate actions to help slow the spread of the Coronavirus. The state moved 28 counties, including Orange County, back into Tier 1 (purple/widespread) due to increased cases of COVID-19. To advance to a less restrictive tier, a county must remain in a tier for a minimum of three weeks and meet the criteria for the less restrictive tier for the prior two consecutive weeks before progressing to the next tier.

We are currently scheduled to return to in-person learning on January 11, 2021. **However, per the OC Health Care Agency, our schools will have to remain in distance learning until further notice.**

- **School Reopening Advisory Committee**

The SRAC will meet on Tuesday, December 8, 2020 to review data, review district safety preparations and to provide a recommendation to the Board of Education regarding the planned reopening. You are asked to communicate any feedback to your school principal.

- **Special Board of Education Meeting**

The AESD Board of Education will conduct a Special Board Meeting on Wednesday, December 9, 2020. This meeting will include a review of COVID-19 data, status update on Orange County's movement back into the purple tier (lowest category) and a re-examination of the planned January 11, 2021, return to in-person instruction.

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The 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. We will communicate any changes in our calendar to stakeholders as soon as possible.

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

Sincerely,
Dr. Christopher Downing
Superintendent