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Dear AESD Families,

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

**Teacher Appreciation Week and Principal Appreciation Day**

With the beginning of May, we join the world in the annual celebration of amazing teachers and principals. If you get a chance, please take a moment to let your children's school staff members know that they are appreciated.

**Update on Weekly COVID-19 Data for Anaheim**

Our District continues to prioritize the health and safety of stakeholders as our top priority. Although California no longer reports data within the tiered colored system, the City of Anaheim updates their data weekly. For the seven days through May 3, Anaheim saw 261 new cases, up from 177 a week earlier.

If your child is experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, please keep him/her home and contact your child's health care provider. Please contact your school to report the absence; a COVID-19 related absence is excused. If someone in your household tested positive for COVID-19 and is currently under quarantine or self-isolation, your child should follow the [guidelines](#) from the Orange County Health Care Agency (OCHCA) on how long to remain at home and when to return to school.

**Community COVID-19 Testing**

With the declining number of families accessing our COVID testing site, our community partner has informed us that testing at Mann and Ponderosa schools will be discontinued beginning next week. In order to find one of the many available COVID-19 testing options throughout the city of Anaheim, please check this website:

<https://www.anaheim.net/5652/Testing>. The Key testing site is still available for all AESD staff and students.

On behalf of our Board of Education and staff members, thank you for your continued support of the Anaheim Elementary School District.

Sincerely,  
Dr. Christopher Downing  
Superintendent