



AMADOR COUNTY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Hello Amador County Public Schools Families & Staff,

I'm reaching out with a very important update about the new school year. After working with our labor partners this week, we have reached agreements to begin school on Monday, August 17. Teachers will return to work on Monday, August 10 to plan and prepare for a smooth start to the school year, including distribution of textbooks, Chromebooks and other instructional materials.

Today, our Board of Trustees held a special meeting at the request of the Amador County Teachers' Association (ACTA) to revisit their July 20 decision. Based on comments from ACTA members and new information from Amador County Public Health Officer Dr. Kerr about increasing COVID19 cases in our county, the Board had discussion and amended their July 20 decision as follows:

School reopening options will include: (1) full-time distance learning and (2) North Star Independent Study School (secondary) or home school (elementary).

COVID19 conditions will be on the agenda of every upcoming Board meeting for discussion/action as needed.

Before the beginning of each school quarter, the Board will re-evaluate if students can safely transition to a hybrid learning model (part-time on campus and part-time virtual learning) or full attendance on school campuses, based on guidance from the Public Health Officer.

We are very excited to welcome our students and staff back to school on Monday, August 17 in a manner that fosters health and safety. More information will be provided from your school principal very soon. Thank you for your ongoing support and patience as we continue to adapt to circumstances that are changing every day.

Sincerely,

Dr. Amy Slavensky, Superintendent