



# AMADOR COUNTY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Good morning Amador County Public Schools Families & Staff,

The purpose of this message is to clear the air and address some confusion that seems to be in our community. As I shared in my message to all school staff and families on the evening of Monday, July 20 following the special meeting of the ACUSD Board of Trustees that same day, the Board made a decision to offer our families the three options recommended by the stakeholder committees, including full distance learning, home school/independent study school, or a hybrid of in-classroom and virtual learning.

In this same meeting, the Board also directed me to negotiate three things with our labor partners - the effects of that decision about how we return to school, additional planning and collaboration time for teachers, and a delayed start of the school year to Monday, August 31, 2020.

Unfortunately, the second part of that Board action may not have been understood. To be clear, we are committed to working with our labor partners, including the Amador County Teachers' Association (ACTA) and the California School Employees' Association (CSEA) Unit 239 to reach agreements that are in the best interest and safety of our students, teachers, and staff. We are meeting this week with both ACTA and CSEA and hope to have updates for families, students and staff very soon.

We look forward to welcoming our students and staff back to school in a manner that fosters health and safety, and will communicate more information as soon as possible. Thank you for your ongoing support and patience as we continue to adapt to complex pandemic-induced circumstances that are changing every day.

Sincerely,

Dr. Amy Slavensky, Superintendent