



AMADOR COUNTY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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PREPARE, SUPPORT, INSPIRE!

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Hello Amador County Public Schools Families & Staff,

As you know, the District and our stakeholder committees, consisting of parents, teachers and staff, have been working diligently to prepare and plan for a range of options for the 2020-2021 school year. Many of you have joined us in this discussion by providing your feedback, comments and concerns over the past several months. Thank you for your support and patience as we continue to navigate the reopening of schools.

At today's Board meeting, our Board of Trustees made a decision to offer our families the three options as recommended by the stakeholder committees, including full distance learning, home school/independent study school, or a hybrid of in-classroom/virtual learning. The Board also directed me (and our administrative team) to negotiate with our labor partners the effects of today's decision, additional planning and collaboration time for teachers, and a delayed start of the school year to Monday, August 31, 2020.

Please know this decision was made with the ultimate goal of returning to school full-time, five days a week as soon and as safely as possible. As needed, our Board of Trustees will revisit today's decision at the August 12th and August 26th Board meetings. During this time, we will continue to work closely with Amador County Public Health experts, and if the health situation improves before August 31st, our Board will have discussion about current conditions and possibly vote to take action on a different decision based on current conditions at that time.

Moving forward, District staff will continue to monitor the public health situation and receive additional guidance as necessary. The District will continue to collaborate and negotiate with our labor partners to finalize the specific details of returning to school, and in the coming days and weeks, we will provide you additional information about the specifics on how students will return to school on Monday, August 31, 2020.

Also, a variety of school and District teams are taking many steps in order to prepare and be ready for school in August. This includes acquiring signage and floor markers to assist with social distancing, purchasing masks and gloves for adults and older students, deep cleaning, preparing written guidance and training for all staff and families, and more. We remain committed to the health and safety of our students, teachers and staff and will do everything we can to make sure it is a safe return to school.

We are truly excited to welcome our students and staff back to school, and have missed them dearly. We will communicate with you as we learn new developments. Again, thank you for your ongoing support and patience regarding our plans to return to educational excellence in August. This hard work to address these unprecedented times is not possible without your support, dedication and care. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Dr. Amy Slavensky, Superintendent