



AMADOR COUNTY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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PREPARE, SUPPORT, INSPIRE!

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Dear Families and Staff,

I hope this message finds you and your loved ones well and moving into a restful weekend. I'm reaching out today with an update.

These are challenging times for sure, and with each day that passes, the reports about the financial impact of the COVID19 pandemic become more and more grim. Yesterday, Governor Newsom released his annual May revision of the state budget for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. This information greatly affects all California public schools and includes a 10% reduction in state revenues for the District. For Amador County Unified School District, this means a reduction of over \$4.5 million in revenue. While the Governor talked about how various state reserves such as the Rainy Day Fund will be used to offset the impact on school districts, cuts to all school districts and county offices of education throughout the state will need to happen. Working with our labor leaders, Board of Trustees, and other stakeholders with this new information, we are continuing to plan for the next school year and will keep you informed as we proceed.

Even with this news, I remain hopeful and see many silver linings through this pandemic experience. Increased time with family and loved ones, slowing down, exercising more, and really connecting with those who are most important in our lives - these are some of the silver linings for which I am grateful.

As we move forward, our goals - to the greatest extent possible - will be to minimize impact on students and programs, maximize progress toward meeting our District goals, keep all stakeholders informed of the budgetary impact of current challenges and District decisions, and have broad based support to the extent realistic given the necessary budget reductions.

Although we had some financial difficulties in the past, we're in a much better position today to address this new challenge. On solid ground as presented in our positive budget report provided to the Board on March 11, 2020, our ultimate objective is to keep Amador County Public Schools financially healthy in the short run and be prepared in the long run to effectively serve the students of tomorrow.

Your support has never been more important than this time right now. Thank you in advance for understanding and working with us to achieve these goals. May peace and rest be yours this evening and in the days to come.

Sincerely,
Dr. Amy Slavensky, Superintendent of Schools