



## AMADOR COUNTY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Hello Amador County Public Schools Families,

I sincerely hope this message finds you safe and healthy. I am reaching out today with an update about our return to school campuses. As you know, we returned to campuses in a hybrid model on November 16th and everyone has worked very hard to implement our Health & Safety Plan following the CDPH guidelines and provide a positive learning experience for our students at the same time. It has not been without many challenges, yet we remain committed to the safety and well-being of our students and staff.

As the COVID numbers have gone up and the staffing challenges have grown (i.e., staff becoming ill, substitutes declining jobs, custodial vacancies hard to fill, etc.), we have reached a tipping point. In order to keep our students and staff safe, we will pivot to distance learning (DL) on Monday, December 14th with the goal to return to hybrid learning for students in the hybrid model on Monday, January 4, 2021, pending COVID conditions and the District's ability to improve staffing support. The goal with this short-term school closure is to allow time for conditions to stabilize, all staff and families to regroup, and district office staff to work on strengthening our staffing situation.

As we continue to keep students as the priority, please note a few key aspects of this transition:

- All current classes will remain intact.
- Hybrid instructional schedules will shift to the August DL instructional schedules.
- SB 98 guidelines will be followed, such as daily live interaction with teachers and peers.
- Small learning cohorts of at-risk students may be invited for in-person learning where there is sufficient staff support to implement the health and safety guidelines.

Please watch for messages from your child's principal and/or teacher(s) with more information.

Please also be sure to check your email or voice mail on January 2nd or 3rd for any updates to the plan for a safe return to the hybrid model on January 4th.

Thank you in advance for your patience and flexibility as we make this transition, recognizing that we may need to pivot a few more times between now and June 4th. Thank you also for continuing to do your part to prevent the spread of the virus. When we all work together to comply with all of the guidelines and advisories, we lessen the risk of an outbreak in our county, we keep one another healthy, and we increase the possibility of reopening our schools again.

Sincerely,

Dr. Amy L. Slavensky  
Superintendent of Schools