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Re: Award-winning schools

Dear Anaheim Elementary School District Families,

We are halfway through the 7th week of Distance Learning and this week there have been conversations by our elected officials on how our social interactions may look when the stay-at-home measures are lifted. Although there are thoughts on how and when schools will reopen for the next school year, no direction has been shared yet. We will continue to work with state and county officials and provide you with verified updates as they become available. Please know that when those plans are developed, the safety of our students and staff will always be our priority.

In the meantime, I would like to share some wonderful news that our district has received during the school dismissals. I would like to share that for the second year in a row NAMM (National Association for Music Merchants) has recognized Anaheim Elementary School District as one of the country's 2020 Best Communities for Music. This is a prestigious national recognition that we are proud to receive and are appreciative of the staff and community partners that have made this possible.

This is just one recognition that highlights the great work that AESD is doing to support students and help them thrive. Although the current situation has created a learning environment that is different to what we are used to, be assured that we continue to work to provide engaging enrichment opportunities for students for this school year and we are already working to expand our offerings for next school year, regardless of what being in class will look like for students.

Kind regards,
Dr. Christopher Downing
Superintendent