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Dear AESD Staff,

"If you give a mouse a cookie, he's going to ask for a glass of milk. When you give him the milk, he'll probably ask you for a straw. When he's finished, he'll ask you for a napkin." -Laura Joffe Numeroff

As of today, here is the latest information regarding AESD's operation and response:

Continued Support and Resources:

- There were 5,830 meals served on Friday to Anaheim students.
- Distance Learning starts on Wednesday, April 1, 2020. Some students will utilize paper packets- based on parent requests- and others the technology that has been provided. Teachers will have Monday and Tuesday to plan for the next seven days of instruction. All district support staff are available to assist and are providing additional training via Google Meets.
- Technology distributed last week:
 - Chromebooks: Students = 113, Staff = 46
 - Hotspots: Students = 200, Staff = 3
- This week there will be one final Chromebook/Hotspot distribution on Tuesday at each school site from 10:00 a.m. -12:00 noon.

Reporting to Work:

- Any staff being asked to report to work either in-person or remotely will be contacted directly by their supervisor via email and phone and will continue to follow health officials' social distancing recommendations.

All other certificated and classified staff are not to report to work until further notice but should continue to check their email daily in the morning and the evening for updates on work assignments. Long-term substitutes currently in an assignment or scheduled for an upcoming assignment will be contacted by HR and will continue to be compensated during this dismissal period.

We continue to work with the Associations to identify the essential functions that must remain in place in order to serve our students, families, and staff.

Most of us are familiar with the popular children's book titled "If You Give A Mouse A Cookie", written by Laura Joffe Numeroff. In the story, a boy gives a mouse a cookie and that well-intended gesture sets off a series of unexpected actions that require quick-thinking and adaptability. This week, as we begin Distance Learning, it is likely that unexpected things will come up and require that we be quick-thinking and adaptable. Just remember that you are not alone; all across the nation educators are pioneering the new world of Distance Learning. Being pioneers is at the core of being an educator all the way back to the one-room rural schoolhouses of the early 20th century to which teachers from far away would be assigned to. So if you feel out of place as you navigate this new world, remember two things: again, you are not alone and, although the setting may look different, you continue to transform students' lives, at a time when they need it the most.

Sincerely,
Dr. Christopher Downing
Superintendent