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Dear AESD Staff,

"Each day provides its own gifts." - Marcus Aurelius

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

Continued Support and Resources:

- There were **8,682** meals served yesterday to Anaheim students.
- **Technology:** All family, student, and staff requests for technology devices and support should be directed to call the school or district office at (714) 517-7500.
- If you as a staff member have any technology issues, please contact your Technology Assistant directly via email.

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.

All full-time and part-time employees will continue to be paid during this dismissal time. Long-term substitutes in assignments from March 16, 2020, through the end of the assignment will be paid for those assignments. Day-to-day substitutes will be paid for time previously scheduled from March 16, 2020, through the end of the dismissal time.

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.

It is natural to look back and replay days that have passed in an attempt to learn from the past. It is tempting to look forward to days that will come in an attempt to strategize and conquer the future. Both are important in our growth and progress but it is also important to periodically just be present to the day before us. Today, I encourage you to focus on today. That is it: be present today and to the gifts that it brings. Despite any circumstance that we may be facing, today does bring its own gifts and every day, truthfully, is a gift in and of itself; sometimes all we need to do is pause to recognize it.

Sincerely,
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