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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Thanks for all that you are doing to support your children. The Board of Trustees and I greatly appreciate all of your efforts and the outstanding contribution that you are making to enhance the educational experience of our students.

Recently, there has been some new and positive guidance from the California Department of Public Health in regards to in-person services for our students. In addition, we are very fortunate to have a highly dedicated and talented staff, and two Employee Associations that have prioritized the needs of our students and the health and safety of our school communities. As a result, I am pleased to share that we will begin in-person services for our highest need students on September 16, 2020. Case managers or service providers will be contacting families who qualify for these initial in-person services. I believe this is a strong and positive first step in thoughtfully bringing our students back onto our campuses.

I can assure all of you that the highest level of thought and care has been put into accomplishing these in-person services in a manner that is safe, healthy, and respectful for our students and staff. It must be everyone's goal to have full fidelity to the health and safety practices we have in place. Once we achieve success with these initial in-person services it will allow us to purposefully expand our efforts to reach an increased number of students.

On a related note, next Friday, September 11, 2020, we will be sending out another survey to our parents and guardians. This survey will include a more comprehensive list of questions for parents to share their perspectives on a variety of timely topics.

Thanks everyone for your ongoing support of AUSD and the students we serve.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tom Butler".

Tom Butler
Superintendent