



Office of the Superintendent

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Dear AUSD Community,

Our AUSD team is excited to welcome our students and families back to school on Wednesday, August 12, 2020. We are looking forward to reconnecting and supporting your children in the learning process. Thanks so much to our parents and guardians for completing the annual welcome back packet, and picking up Chromebooks and instructional materials on behalf of your students. We greatly appreciate the support of parents and fully understand the powerful role parents play in prioritizing education and learning for their children.

I am proud to share with all of you that our entire staff has been working tirelessly to prepare for the unique beginning to our school year. Teaching staff have been developing meaningful curriculum and thoughtfully planning for instruction which is appropriate for distance learning. Classified staff has been preparing technology, maintaining and deep cleaning our facilities, and securing all of the Personnel Protective Equipment, cleaning, disinfecting, and hygiene supplies we will need to transition to in-person instruction when it is safe to do so.

The distance learning experience for our students will be very different in the upcoming school year. Students will receive a strong instructional program, attendance will be mandatory, students will be expected to engage in the learning process on a regular basis, and students will earn grades/marks in accordance with their academic performance. I'd like to thank our parents and guardians in advance for supporting our students to do their very best academically.

The District is requesting that any parent interested in Atascadero Choices in Education Academy (A.C.E.) to please make your intentions known to Chris Balogh, principal, chrisbalogh@atusd.org, by Sunday, August 9th, 12:00 noon. This will greatly help us in our preparations for the school year.

In order to support parents, we have developed a comprehensive parent support resource which is available on our school district website. Please view the parent resources at [Curriculum Tutorials and Resources for Parents 2020-21](#) and [Technology Support for Families](#).

Thanks for your ongoing support of AUSD.

Sincerely,

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

Tom Butler
Superintendent