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Dear AUSD Community,

As we prepare to begin the school year in distance learning I want to thank all of the parents and guardians in advance for your incredible support of our AUSD students. This year distance learning will be quite different from what our students initially experienced last spring. Our teaching staff is working thoughtfully to provide a more robust educational learning experience for our students. Here are a couple of the biggest changes to distance learning for this fall:

- **Student Attendance:** Students will be required to attend their distance learning classes. Attendance is mandatory and student attendance records will be kept daily. If your child is having difficulty establishing regular attendance, please contact your school site for support.
- **Student Engagement:** This is a new requirement for schools in California this year. We are now required to document student engagement on a regular basis. This engagement can be accomplished through active class participation and completion of assignments.
- **Grading & Assessment:** The “hold harmless” approach from last spring is no longer in place. This means that students will earn grades/marks in accordance with their academic performance. Please support your child by reinforcing the importance of completing all assignments to the best of their ability.

Here are additional resources to support AUSD families if needed:

Atascadero Choices in Education Academy (independent/home study program)	(805) 462-4350
Champions (childcare)	(805) 703-3508
Boys & Girls Club (childcare)	(805) 257-3088

Thanks for your ongoing support of AUSD and please stay tuned for more information.

Sincerely,

Tom Butler
Superintendent