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Dear Parents, Guardians, and Staff,

Thanks for all that you have done to support our students during the first month of this school year. The Board of Education and I are grateful for the combined efforts of our staff and parents to provide the very best for our students. All of you are truly making a positive impact on the students we serve.


At last night's Board of Education Meeting I shared that we are going to begin the Elementary Waiver Application Process. The Trustees provided thoughtful and caring input and clear direction to move forward to complete the Elementary Waiver Application. This requires stakeholder meetings with both Employee Associations and the Superintendent's Parent Advisory Committee. These meetings will help to inform the School District's application.

We are fully committed to valuing all of our families and we will be working to provide educational choices. Currently, the educational choices for families are Independent Studies (ACE), and Distance Learning. When we have an Elementary Waiver Application approved by the SLO County Office of Public Health then we will be able to add a third choice of In-Person Blended Instruction to our TK-6th grade students. We will be sure to communicate these options to all of our parents and guardians and we respect each family to make an informed decision for their children.

Today, we are gradually beginning in-person services for our most intensive students with special needs. In addition, we are planning to utilize the Student Cohort Guidance to provide additional co-curricular and extracurricular activities beginning with high school students on October 5, 2020.

Please stay tuned for future communications that will include greater detail. Thanks everyone for your ongoing support of AUSD.

Sincerely,


Tom Butler, Superintendent