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Dear AUSD School Community,

Thanks for all that you have done to support our students during the first part of the school year. The Board of Education is deeply appreciative of the combined efforts of our parents and staff to provide the very best for our students.

As we head into winter break I wanted to update everyone on our plans for returning to school on January 5, 2021. Here are the key points:

- Elementary School campuses **will remain open** for in-person instruction.
- Secondary School campuses (Atascadero HS, Atascadero MS, Paloma Creek HS, and the Fine Arts Academy 6th-8th grades) will remain in full distance learning. Under the state's current guidance these sites **cannot open** for in-person instruction.
- The district will closely monitor the COVID-19 statistics in our county and will clearly communicate to staff and parents when secondary sites will be able to open in the future for in-person instruction.
- Please remember to keep your child at home if they are not feeling well and to see your local health care provider. It is imperative that individuals who are feeling sick stay home to reduce the risk of transmission in the school setting.

Thanks everyone for your ongoing support of AUSD.

Wishing all of you a healthy and warm holiday season,

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

Tom Butler
Superintendent