



## Office of the Superintendent

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Dear AUSD Community,

We are currently in the process of putting the final touches on our plans for reopening schools in the Atascadero Unified School District. I understand there are lots of questions and in some instances anxiety about the reopening of schools and I would like to thank all of you for your understanding and patience this summer.

The plans for reopening are centered around two key components: the health and safety of our students and staff and our educational efforts. On behalf of the Board of Education I would like to thank the Atascadero District Teachers Association, Classified School Employees Association, Superintendent's Parent Advisory Committee on Reopening Schools, District Management Team, and the San Luis Obispo County Public Health Department for providing excellent input and feedback on the plan.

We are aiming to review the Plan for Reopening Schools at our upcoming Board of Education Meeting on July 21, 2020, at 10:00 am. This meeting can be viewed on our AUSD YouTube Channel. At this time, we are monitoring the current status of COVID-19 in our county to determine the safest way to open our schools. Based on county health requirements we are developing three options for reopening (fully open, a blended model with reduced class size and a combination of in person instruction and distance learning, and a distance learning/online model). Please stay tuned for further information in the next few weeks on our school reopening format.

We are aware that families may choose to select Distance Learning/Online Instruction next school year for a variety of reasons. If you are interested in enrolling in our Distance Learning/Online Instruction program you can contact the Atascadero Choices in Education Academy at (805) 462-4350.

Thanks for your ongoing support and understanding.

Warmly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tom Butler". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Tom Butler