



AMADOR COUNTY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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PREPARE, SUPPORT, INSPIRE!

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Sent via email to all ACUSD email users and via InTouch messaging to all staff and families in the Amador County Public Schools community.

Dear Colleagues,

I hope this message finds you nearing the end of a relaxing and very well-deserved October break. I was able to rest and rejuvenate, too. This affords us the opportunity to “take it easy” and get a little bit of work-life balance. I was also able to visit my 26 year old son who is in graduate school on the east coast. I see him about once a year and it is truly a gift each time, and a reminder of what is most important.

I’m reaching out today to follow up on the message I sent you on September 21st. As promised, I’m in the process of working with the Board of Trustees, the senior leadership team, our labor leaders, and others to bring recommendations to the ACUSD Board that will begin to address our financial shortfall.

In order to establish cost savings that are as far away from the classroom as possible, we are taking advantage of attrition opportunities (i.e., not filling vacancies if not essential to do so), reducing or eliminating non-essential expenses (i.e., food/water for meetings, some professional development, some contracts, over-time, etc.) and eliminating or restructuring some management positions for cost efficiency.

On next week’s Board of Trustees agendas, you will see some recommended actions that begin this necessary work. I’d like to clarify one of them. On the ACOE agenda, you will see the elimination of the Chief Technology Officer position. This is not a complete elimination from the organization. It is a restructuring to Director of Technology Services which will create a cost savings over time and place the position with the ACUSD where the large majority of the students and schools exist which are supported by the position.

As we all continue to work together, I remain confident we can address the shortfall while simultaneously keeping the focus on our students and their education. If you have questions or would like to talk with one of us, Assistant Superintendent Jared Critchfield and I would be happy to talk with you. Please feel free to contact me at 257-5353 or Jared at 257-5345. Your ongoing support is greatly appreciated, as always.

Sincerely,
Amy Slavensky