



Acalanes Education Association

Newsletter


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THANK YOU EDUCATORS



We know how hard you're working - **thank you!** We know you've created brand new curriculum - **thank you!** We know you spend hours on your computer communicating with students, parents and colleagues -

thank you! We know your eyes sting at the end of the day and your Zoom smile is tired - **thank you!** We know your shoulders and back hurt from working on your computer all day - **thank you!** We know you're worried about the future of our schools and your health - we're working to secure the best environment for everyone.

Please read the Distance learning MOU on our website www.acalanesteachers.org

And the latest Safety MOU for [small group instruction here](#). If you are one of the teachers who have volunteered to conduct on-campus small groups **thank you!**

C.C. COUNTY IS IN THE 'ORANGE'

Due to our improving number of COVID-19 cases our county is now in the orange zone. This means that cases are decreasing and we are allowed to open schools, according to the California Department of Public Health and Centers for Disease Control (CDC).

During the October 21, 2020 board meeting our School Board voted to open schools in a hybrid model in January 2021. Volunteer teachers at each

site will now start seeing in-person small groups on campus during specific times and with specific procedures. See the [MOU for details](#).

VOTE - ON OR BEFORE NOV. 3rd

Make your voice heard by voting! Practice democracy and celebrate your rights! Drop off your completed ballot at the post office, official ballot box or at a polling place. Here are the locations of CoCoCounty ballot boxes cocovote.us/official-ballot-drop-boxes

Vote YES on Prop. 15 Schools & Communities First - It closes commercial property tax loopholes without affecting homeowners or renters, and reclaims \$12 billion every year to fund schools and strengthen local economies to lift up all Californians.

Vote YES on Prop. 16 Reinstate affirmative action in California.

Vote NO on Prop. 20 Stop the Prison Spending Scam that will waste tens of millions of dollars on prisons every year.

Vote NO on Prop. 22 Slam the Brakes and say no to Uber, Lyft and Doordash profiting off workers.



SPECIAL EDUCATION TESTING

Special education testing deadlines were not extended this year and as a result, our special ed teachers, school psychologists, and nurses have been conducting 1 to 1 testing for students. Testing areas are outdoors, as well as designated spaces and classrooms. They have been set up and PPE such as plexiglass shields, face shields and masks are being used. We know it's been a huge burden for our sped staff to do this 1 to 1 testing safely.

WELLNESS HELP FOR STAFF FROM SISC

All of us have access to

- ❖ Help with personal concerns (see contact information below for Anthem Employee Assistance Program - EAP)
- ❖ Expert medical opinions
- ❖ 24/7 physician access
- ❖ Free generic medications
- ❖ Enhanced cancer benefits
- ❖ No cost hip, knee and spine surgical options
- ❖ Digital health coach
- ❖ Digital program for back and knee pain

When we joined Self-Insured Schools of California (SISC) we also gained all of these services. The district tells us that these are underutilized and suggested that we take advantage of them. For more information including phone numbers and web addresses [click on this flyer](#) or call SISC.



This month we highlight the **Anthem Employee Assistance Program (EAP)**.

Log in here anthem.com/employer/eap/employee/

And enter **company code: SISC**

Or call **SISC EAP 800-999-7222**

You'll be prompted to register with this site. Then, you can access financial planners, counselors, child and pet care information and webinars such as:

10/20/20—The Mental Strength Workout

11/17/20—Building Resilience Muscles

12/15/20—Know Your Strengths

IMPORTANT DATES

October 21, 2020 – Board Meeting, 7pm via zoom
Oct 29th, 2020 – Rep Council (extra meeting) 3:30 via zoom

November 3, 2020 – Election Day - VOTE!

November 4, 2020 – Board Meeting, 7pm via zoom

November 11, 2020 – Veterans Day (no school)

Note: Monday 11/9 is a Tuesday schedule and

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November 12th, 2020 – Rep Council, 3:30 via zoom