

EXTENDED STUDENT SERVICES & ALPINE COVID-19 LEARNING PODS

“We are in it together”

As we launch the school year with Distance Learning we have created several programs to support our families: *Extended Student Services (ESS)* and *Alpine COVID-19 Learning Pods*.

Extended Student Services (ESS)

First, we are offering support through our Extended Student Services (ESS) program. We are working to expand our ESS child care program to accommodate students while following the required health guidelines and protocols.

- We have changed our ESS program to accommodate students from 7:30-6:00 PM to support our working families.
- Students in ESS will be able to participate in Distance Learning while being in a stable cohort of students following CDPH guidelines.
- We have made our ESS program one of the most affordable in the county. To ensure stable cohorts, children will need to enroll for the full week. The cost will be \$100 a week, which is \$1.90 an hour.
- Due to the health guidelines, which limit the number of students in a cohort, spaces will be limited. However, we are continuing to hire more ESS staff to expand our program. More information can be found on our website.

More information can be found on our website at XXX or by contacting Lindsay Walker, ESS Coordinator, at lwalker@alpineschools.net.

Alpine COVID-19 Learning Pod

- We realize that Distance Learning is not the optimal way for all students to learn.
- We recognize that most parents' work schedules are not compatible with providing full-time childcare, and many parents desire to have their child have some socialization

with other children while managing health risks.

- We realize that parents want to have a safe place for their children to be if they can't physically be in school learning face-to-face with a teacher.

The *Alpine COVID-19 Learning Pod* has been designed so parents can meet the childcare and learning needs of their children. An *Alpine COVID-19 Learning Pod* is a unique learning structure designed to offer a place on an AUSD campus for a stable pod or cohort of students to meet during the day with a parent supervising the students and an AUSD staff member supporting the learning of the children in the pod. All public health guidelines and protocols will need to be followed. In short, the focus is on creating a safe setting to complement distance learning instruction from schools, with supervision responsibility provided by a network of parents, and technical and instructional support provided by our District. As with our ESS program, a pod will consist of no more than 12 students.

As a District, we feel it is important that there is equity and equal access to all educational opportunities. In order to support that effort, the District will allow families to apply to use District facilities at no cost as an Alpine COVID-19 Learning Pod. To do so, parents may submit a Facility Use application (see below) to utilize designated spaces on campus. Applications will be considered on a first-come, first-serve basis. The organization of the Learning Pods is strictly voluntary and parent-directed. If you have questions or are interested, please email Mrs. Ripke, principal of CELC, at tripke@alpineschools.net. We hope these options provide opportunities for our parents to return to work and for our students to excel with their Distance Learning.