



**Anchorage School District**  
*Educating All Students for Success in Life*

Greetings, ASD Families and Staff,

Election Day is just around the corner on November 5. While ASD initially planned for in-person instruction on this day, given some recent developments and observations, the Administration has determined to shift November 5 to a Remote Learning Day.

A number of key points were considered when making this adjustment:

- Sixty-five of our schools will serve as voting locations on election day, including all secondary schools.
- It is not possible in many of our buildings to have a separate entry point to an isolated area of the school for voting. Some elections will be held in areas that are only accessible by going through the main entrance and using hallways where students are learning. In a high turnout election, this could create operations issues and bottlenecks for voters.
- While the recent primary election had a relatively low turnout, it presented safety and operational challenges at multiple locations. As this is a Presidential election year, ASD would need to suspend or compromise its standard visitor management and safety protocols to accommodate the voters and increased vehicular traffic which will enter our campuses to cast ballots, thus elevating our level of risk.
- Though a minority of our schools will not serve as voting locations, many of our families and staff have students that attend multiple schools. Additionally, all of our neighborhoods will be impacted by increased vehicular and foot traffic on election day. For these reasons, all schools will shift to remote learning on Election Day.

For your awareness, our neighbors in the Mat-Su School District will also not host students on election day.

This decision was not made lightly, but safety is our highest priority in ASD. After reviewing all the options, this is our best path to maintain continuity of learning while making the voting experience as smooth as possible for the thousands of people who will depend on our school buildings to cast ballots.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent

