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## Join Us! Apply for the EDCOE Substitute Teacher Pool!

We hope this email finds you all doing well and staying safe. Recently, we've seen a significant rise in the number of COVID-19 cases across El Dorado County. Additionally, typical cold and flu symptoms, many of which are similar to the symptoms of COVID-19, have required our teachers and staff members to quarantine. We desperately want to continue providing in-person instruction to our students, but staff absences due to quarantine, which are required by public health department guidelines, could prove challenging. We've already seen several schools in the region revert to full distance learning due to substitute shortages.

In order to reduce the likelihood that one or more of our schools are forced to return to distance learning, we are calling on our community for help. We are encouraging qualified applicants to join the El Dorado County Office of Education (EDCOE) substitute teacher pool. This substitute pool is what our District uses to fill our substitute needs.

In order to qualify to become a substitute teacher, applicants must hold a Bachelor's Degree and pass the California Basic Educational Skills Test (CBEST). Currently, the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing is allowing CBEST waivers due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

To start the application process:

- Click on the link here, <a href="https://www.edjoin.org/edcoe">https://www.edjoin.org/edcoe</a>, to access the EDCOE page of the EdJoin employment website.
- Look for the "Guest Teacher, Non-Full Credential" posting and submit an application.
- Next, email Beth Reynolds, EDCOE substitute systems specialist, at <a href="mailto:breynolds@edcoe.org">breynolds@edcoe.org</a> to find out the next steps in the process. The staff at EDCOE can also help you with the application process for a 30-day substitute teaching credential.

Thanks in advance for your consideration, and we look forward to partnering with you in support of our children!