'Teach anyway'

6 ■ hate it, too."

That was my message to one of my juniors back in April. Distance learning had been suddenly foisted upon us, and he was struggling with staying interested

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An educator for 14 years, the author teaches history, government and economics, and coaches the varsity girls' soccer team, at Paradise High School. s struggling with staying interested in it. I had come up with a combination of reading assignments, clips from YouTube, my own

nation of reading assignments, clips from YouTube, my own video lessons and Zoom meetings that seemed to work for some kids, sort of. But I wasn't happy either.

I got into teaching because I care about kids. I enjoy interacting with them and building relationships with them. How could I do that on Zoom?

I'm sure my own frustration and anxiety came out in a few of my conversations, even as I assured kids that I'd find a way to make this all work for them. It couldn't possibly be forever, right?

After a surge in COVID-19 cases, the narrative that we will all go back to "normal" soon

seems incredibly naïve.

Schools right now are having meetings with committees of educators asking teachers to, once again, reinvent what we do for a living to match a new situation. For those of us teaching in Paradise, you'd think we'd be used to it by now. In December 2018, we were teaching in a mall. The following January, we were teaching in an office building. By August of last year, we were back on campus but with PG&E shutting down the power intermittently. Then in March, we were all thrown into distance learning. School starts in one week, and here we are, planning what we hope will be a better, more rigorous, more helpful form of distance learning.

I have students back in houses on the Ridge. But I also have students still sleeping on the couches of friends and family. Some are in RVs, with the town telling them they can't stay. Students for whom sports programs are a core part of their identity have their seasons up in the air. My kids have an added layer of unanswered questions and unfamiliar settings on top of the unknowns students everywhere are facing.

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THIS MODERN WORLD

WAYS TO REASSURE AMERICANS THAT YOU WILL ACCEPT THE RESULTS OF THE ELECTION

1. REFUSE TO SAY WHETHER OR NOT YOU WILL ACCEPT THE RESULTS OF THE ELECTION



4. HAVE YOUR SECRETARY OF STATE PRETEND NEVER TO HAVE GIVEN THAT SUBJECT ANY THOUGHT

CAN THE PRESIDENT DELAY THE ELECTION? WHY, I COULD NOT POSSIBLY RENDER A JUDGMENT ON THIS MATTER WHICH HAS NEVER BEFORE CROSSED MY MIND!



2. HAVE YOUR ATTORNEY GENERAL PRETEND NEVER TO HAVE GIVEN THE SUBJECT

WHY, THE QUESTION HAS NEVER OCCURRED TO ME! NOR HAVE I EVER HEARD OF THIS "TELEVISION" DEVICE ON WHICH THE PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS WERE ALLEGEDLY BROADCAST!



5. SUGGEST REPEATEDLY AND WITHOUT EVIDENCE THAT MAIL-IN VOTING WILL LEAD TO MASSIVE FRAUD

MANY PEOPLE ARE SAYING THAT MY ONLY HOPE OF REMAINING IN POWER IS TO CREATE CHAOS AND CONFUSION!

WAIT, DID I SAY THAT OUT LOUD? I MEAN THAT MS-13 AND ANTIFA WILL PRINT COUNTERFEIT BALLOTS TO STEAL THE ELECTION!



BY TOM TOMORROW

AND IF THERE'S ONE THING

3. FLOAT THE IDEA OF DELAYING THE ELECTION

OF COURSE, HE DOES NOT HAVE THE CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY TO REALLY DO THAT!

WE CAN COUNT ON WITH
DONALD TRUMP, IT IS HIS
STRICT ADHERENCE TO THE
RULE OF LAW AND THE
LIMITS OF HIS AUTHORITY!



6. HAVE YOUR NEW POSTMASTER GENERAL SLOW DOWN THE MAIL

THIS HAS **NOTHING** TO DO WITH VOTING BY MAIL! WE JUST WANT TO RUN THE POST OFFICE LIKE A BUSINESS--

--A TRUMP BUSINESS! WHICH IS TO SAY, RUN IT INTO THE GROUND AND PICK ITS BONES CLEAN!



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