



## District Highlights

Superintendent - Gina A. Potter, Ed.D.

Week of January 17, 2020

### SUPERINTENDENT

**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING: THURS, JANUARY 23 @ 4PM - La Mirada School**

On Thursday, January 23rd beginning at 4 p.m. there will be a Special Board Meeting for closed session items.

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING: THURS, JANUARY 23 @ 5PM - La Mirada School**

On Thursday, January 23rd beginning at 5 p.m. there will be a Regular Board Meeting.

**MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. HOLIDAY: MON, JANUARY 20**

Our schools and district office will be closed on Monday, January 20th in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

**OUR DISTRICT SPOTLIGHTED IN LAW ENFORCEMENT QUARTERLY (LEQ) - VOLUME 40 - NUMBER 1 | WINTER 2020**

Great news! Our district's partnership with the District Attorney's Office on restorative practices is featured below in the Law Enforcement Quarterly Winter Edition! Way to go Team SYSD!!!

Please click on the link to view LEQ Quarterly Winter Edition and scroll to page 34:

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1xd9mdJoSDASS\\_tsx2RgW98EFzOHpYxM/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1xd9mdJoSDASS_tsx2RgW98EFzOHpYxM/view?usp=sharing)

## SCHOOL NEWS

### **DISTRICT DEPARTMENT & SCHOOL WINNERS OF THE SAN YSIDRO WOMEN'S CLUB 2019 "TEDDY BEARS FOR KIDS" DONATION DRIVES**

On Tuesday, January 14, 2020, the San Ysidro Women's Club provided a Continental Breakfast to the 2019 "Teddy Bears for Kids" donation drives. The school winner was Willow Elementary and the district department winner was Team #1: Administration, Human Resources, Information Technology and Community Relations/Parent Services. The San Ysidro Women's Club thanked everyone who assisted with the event. Thank you to the San Ysidro Women's Club for their active engagement with the San Ysidro Community.



### **SURPRISE CHROMEBOOK GIVEAWAY FOR 100 SIXTH GRADERS AT SMYTHE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Cox Communications employees helped 20 Smythe Elementary students in the San Ysidro School District build a Kano computer. The 20 computers then were donated by Cox to the school during a special ceremony. The 20 students, in addition to 80 sixth graders, were surprised with their own Chromebook laptops to take home – just in time for the holidays.

Please click on the link to view the **video** of this wonderful event:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/11S-ACOhAWVMqhzVLFvso5kUPLGwg6UWF/view?usp=sharing>

## SCHOOL CALENDARS AND/OR NEWSLETTERS TO PARENTS

All school principals are commended for communicating with families via a school newsletter. Below are links to the school newsletters published this week.

SCHOOL	SCHOOL CALENDARS AND/OR NEWSLETTERS
La Mirada	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monthly - January 2020 Calendar</li> </ul>
Ocean View Hills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monthly - January 2020 Calendar  <a href="https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B4_Wiy0SKQVcTUVobkJWMEJzdlhZZUEyR01ZWE9ocVI4ZktN/view?usp=sharing">https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B4_Wiy0SKQVcTUVobkJWMEJzdlhZZUEyR01ZWE9ocVI4ZktN/view?usp=sharing</a></li> </ul>
Smythe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monthly - January 2020 Calendar  <a href="https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B4_Wiy0SKQVcbHI2S3VOSV9MaWpTSnJiV5k5Xd3BkVUhvNlBr/view?usp=sharing">https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B4_Wiy0SKQVcbHI2S3VOSV9MaWpTSnJiV5k5Xd3BkVUhvNlBr/view?usp=sharing</a></li> </ul>
Sunset	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monthly - January 2020 Calendar  <a href="https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B4_Wiy0SKQVcNXduZDVDa2JyTS1UeVZLRnJBempqaVdBbVZz/view?usp=sharing">https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B4_Wiy0SKQVcNXduZDVDa2JyTS1UeVZLRnJBempqaVdBbVZz/view?usp=sharing</a></li> </ul>
San Ysidro Middle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monthly - January 2020 Calendar  <a href="https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B4_Wiy0SKQVcS2pHNDdlb1BYY3ZJNGc4V18wbXdtNFIOYXBj/view?usp=sharing">https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B4_Wiy0SKQVcS2pHNDdlb1BYY3ZJNGc4V18wbXdtNFIOYXBj/view?usp=sharing</a></li> </ul>
Vista Del Mar Middle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monthly - January 2020 Calendar  <a href="https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B4_Wiy0SKQVcSzkSGhOUVhPQTBneV9iaVBCMzVxeHROaExn/view?usp=sharing">https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B4_Wiy0SKQVcSzkSGhOUVhPQTBneV9iaVBCMzVxeHROaExn/view?usp=sharing</a></li> </ul>
Willow	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monthly - January 2020 Calendar  <a href="https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B4_Wiy0SKQVcZjRNSExYThzckdGWVl3ZkVzTnJHMjVydNvZ/view?usp=sharing">https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B4_Wiy0SKQVcZjRNSExYThzckdGWVl3ZkVzTnJHMjVydNvZ/view?usp=sharing</a></li> </ul>
Preschool	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monthly - January 2020 Calendar  <a href="https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B4_Wiy0SKQVcYXRGZEVhT3NwY2Rtdng5VzlySIIHZlpBVjFN/view?usp=sharing">https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B4_Wiy0SKQVcYXRGZEVhT3NwY2Rtdng5VzlySIIHZlpBVjFN/view?usp=sharing</a></li> </ul>

# EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

## EQUITY CONFERENCE 2020

The following is the description provided on the Equity Conference 2020 website:

“San Diego County Office of Education’s statewide [Equity Conference](#) is a valuable time for county offices, districts, schools, community partners, and parents to collaborate and learn together on how to engage effective, systemic change.

It brings together nationally recognized speakers and spotlights current research and best practices. The Equity Conference sessions are focused on strengthening our systems to better respond to the linguistic, cultural, social-emotional, and mental health needs of all students, and create the conditions for them to thrive and make healthy choices.

The purpose of coming together is to create a renewed sense of purpose for transforming our individual and collective equity work and create places of exceptional vision, hope, and opportunity for all.”

PowerPoint Presentation:

- What Educators Should Know about Schools that Achieve Equity & Excellence by Dr. Joseph Johnson (Founder of NCUST)
  - [https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B4\\_Wiy0SKQVcR3kzelpicG51UTZMMzdTVnNVSDc5c09ITndZ/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B4_Wiy0SKQVcR3kzelpicG51UTZMMzdTVnNVSDc5c09ITndZ/view?usp=sharing)





**Photo with Hamish Brewer**

*“Hamish Brewer, the relentless, tattooed, skateboarding principal in Northern Virginia isn’t your normal principal. Hamish is high octane, constantly calling on his students to “Be Relentless! Mr. Brewer has become known as an educational disrupter who transcends the status quo and typical educational norms. Under his leadership — his elementary school was recognized as a Nationally Distinguished Title 1 School, and Hamish has since gone on to turn around one of the toughest middle schools in the state of Virginia”*



**Photo with Dr. Joseph Johnson**

*“Dr. Joseph Johnson is the founding executive director of the National Center for Urban School Transformation (NCUST) and recently retired from San Diego State University (SDSU) where he served as Interim Provost. NCUST*

*identifies, studies, and promotes the best practices of high-performing urban schools and districts throughout the nation. Specifically, NCUST identifies urban schools that achieve outstanding academic results for every demographic group of students they serve. They award and study those schools and then help other schools pursue similar results. While serving at NCUST, Dr. Johnson served as a professor of Educational Leadership at SDSU, then as the dean of the College of Education, and finally as the university's provost and senior vice president. In July 2019, he retired from university administration to focus exclusively on NCUST."*

## HUMAN RESOURCES

### **CERTIFICATED STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY - MON, JAN 13TH @ 7:30am**

Our Staff Development Day was very successful! The day began with breakfast, followed by a brief welcome by Board President, Humberto Gurmilan, Board Member, Irene Lopez and Superintendent, Dr. Gina Potter. Many certificated staff members expressed their happiness to come back from winter break to a nice breakfast and time to visit with their colleagues. The wellness component delivered by VEBA during the half day program was very popular. Many staff members enjoyed learning about breathing and exercises to assist them even while in the workplace. We will continue to seek wellness activities for all of our staff at school sites based on their preferences. Although the topic of human trafficking is a difficult subject, staff was thankful for the concise and informative presentation provided by The San Diego Trafficking Prevention Collective.





## BUSINESS SERVICES

### BUDGET COMMUNITY FORUMS

The District will host two Budget Community Forums on January 29th at the San Ysidro School District Board Room, 4350 Otay Mesa Road, San Ysidro and February 26th at Ocean View Hills Elementary, 4919 Del Sol Blvd, San Diego 92154. The Forums will begin at 5:30 pm.

## NEWS & COMMUNITY RELATIONS

### MEDIA UPDATE

Below is a list of recent news article/s:

- NBC News: 2 prominent flu strains are hitting kids and the young particularly hard this season
  - <https://www.nbcnews.com/health/cold-and-flu/season-s-2-prominent-flu-strains-hitting-kids-young-particularly-n113446>
- NBC 7 News: Otay Mesa Development Could Start With 800 Homes
  - <https://www.nbcsandiego.com/news/local/otay-mesa-development-could-start-with-800-homes/2245443/>