



# **District Highlights**

Week of October 8, 2021



# **SUPERINTENDENT**

Gina Potter, Ed.D.

# 18TH ANNUAL INNOVATION IN EDUCATION AWARDS BY THE CLASSROOM OF THE FUTURE ORGANIZATION

Congratulations to our Sci-Phy Program Team led by Sci-Phy Lead Ms. Elva De Baca and her incredible teachers Patricia Burch, Rudy Constantino, Liana Davis, Melissa Hasemyer, Leticia Lemos, Juanita Nuñez, Belinda Peña, Thelma Sotelo and Janell Wright for their Honorable Mention Inspire Award at the 18th Annual Classroom of The Future Innovation in Education Awards ceremony at SeaWorld! Thank you SDCOE Board President Guadalupe Gonzalez and SDCOE Superintendent Dr. Paul Gothold for their support.





# **UPCOMING DATES**

Event	Date	Location
Pre-K Parent Conferences	October 18 - 22	All Pre-K Sites
End of 1st Trimester - 64 days (Elementary Schools)	November 5th	
Veteran's Day Holiday	November 11th	District Office & Schools Closed
Parent Conferences	November 15 - 19	
Thanksgiving Break	November 22 - 26	District Office & Schools Closed
End of first semester (88 days - Middle Schools)	December 17th	
Winter Break	December 20, 2021 - January 10, 2022	
District Office Closed to the Public	December 20, 2021 - January 3, 2022	
Students Return	Tuesday, January 11, 2022	

# COUNTY SUPERVISOR/VICE CHAIR NORA VARGAS PROVIDES AN UPDATE ON LITTLE LIBRARIES INITIATIVE

Supervisor Nora Vargas has notified the District that a "Little Libraries" box filled with books for our San Ysidro children will be installed at Smythe Elementary. The Little Libraries initiative is a program that creates opportunities for young people to have access to books and reading, by placing small libraries in the communities and allowing people to take a book or share a book.

Additional information may be found at the following website: https://www.sdcl.org/LFL/.

## SUPERINTENDENT POTTER'S APPOINTMENT TO CALIFORNIA COLLABORATIVE FOR EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE (CCEE) ADVISORY COUNCIL

Congratulations Dr. Potter for her recent appointment to the voluntary California Collaborative for Education Excellence (CCEE) Advisory Council, a statewide agency that is tasked with fulfilling "California's promise of a quality, equitable education for every student", as stated on CCEE's website. "CCEE is a statewide agency that serves as a strategic thought partner working alongside educators to listen, identify goals and needs, promote innovative thinking, and jointly solve problems."

Dr. Potter previously served for two years as the alternate on CCEE's Advisory Council for former CVESD Superintendent, Dr. Francisco Escobedo. She now will fill Dr. Escobedo's vacancy on the CCEE Advisory Council due to his recent retirement.

## **COVID INFORMATION**

# PFIZER-BIONTECH COVID-19 BOOSTER VACCINE AVAILABLE FOR SCHOOL EMPLOYEES/VACUNA DE REFUERZO PFIZER-BIONTECH COVID-19 DISPONIBLE PARA EMPLEADOS ESCOLARES

#### **ENGLISH**

Dear Staff,

A Booster vaccine is now available for school employees who have had the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine and are past the 6 month point since the 2nd vaccine dose was administered.

Please see the attached websites for Booster Dose details and eligibility and sites that are providing the Booster vaccines.

Click Here: Booster Vaccine Details

Click Here: Finding a Vaccination Site

## **SPANISH**

Estimado personal:

Ahora está disponible una vacuna de refuerzo para los empleados escolares que hayan recibido la vacuna Pfizer-BioNTech y hayan pasado el punto de 6 meses desde que se administró la segunda dosis de la vacuna.

Consulte los sitios web adjuntos para conocer los detalles y la elegibilidad de la dosis de refuerzo y los sitios que proporcionan las vacunas de refuerzo.

Haga clic aquí: Detalles de la vacuna de refuerzo

Haga clic aquí: Encontrar un sitio de vacunación

#### SAN YSIDRO SCHOOL DISTRICT COVID-19 DASHBOARD

This Dashboard is an effort for our district to be transparent regarding COVID cases. For the first seven weeks of school from July 26 through October 8, there have been a total of 83 cases of which 80 have been contact traced to outside community transmission and not from within our schools. Thus, of our total student and staff population of just over 5,000, only 1.66%, have reported a positive COVID case. The district's multi-layered safety measures are proving highly effective in curbing the transmission of COVID within our schools.

San Ysidro School District COVID-19 Dashboard

# CNN News: MASKS IN SCHOOL HELP PREVENT COVID-19 OUTBREAKS AND SPREAD, CDC STUDIES FIND (DATED 9-24-21)

https://www.cnn.com/2021/09/24/health/school-masking-covid-outbreak/index.html

# CHANNEL 10 NEWS: SAN DIEGO UNIFIED UNANIMOUSLY PASSES COVID-19 VACCINATE MANDATE FOR ELIGIBLE STUDENTS, STAFF (DATED 9-28-21)

https://www.10news.com/news/local-news/san-diego-news/san-diego-unified-meets-tuesday-to-discuss-covid-19-vac cine-mandate-for-students-staff

# ACSA NEWS: CALIFORNIA BECOMES FIRST STATE IN THE NATION TO ANNOUNCE COVID-19 VACCINE WILL BE ADDED TO LIST OF REQUIRED SCHOOL VACCINATIONS

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1KXjOZpKbkxyLo7MvAbei5HEpdnCNc3VH/view?usp=sharing

#### COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO COVID-19 EDUCATION SECTOR: CALIFORNIA BECOMES FIRST STATE IN NATION TO ANNOUNCE COVID-19 VACCINE REQUIREMENT FOR SCHOOLS

https://www.gov.ca.gov/2021/10/01/california-becomes-first-state-in-nation-to-announce-covid-19-vaccine-req uirements-for-schools/

## **COMMUNITY COVID RESOURCES**

Please click on the link to access the COVID Community Resources: <u>https://docs.google.com/document/d/e/2PACX-1vRHa3eSXww70KLcnAro21nIFBAdB1BPDL5cLTwBD5J3UYdU</u> <u>hY17DHNMazYRD7sgVmgg3IUALM9oLF\_c/pub</u>

SAN DIEGO FOOD BANK AND FEEDING SAN DIEGO FREE FOOD DISTRIBUTION: DISTRIBUCIÓN DE ALIMENTOS GRATIS DE SAN DIEGO FOOD BANK Y FEEDING SAN DIEGO:

San Diego Food Bank: <u>https://sandiegofoodbank.org/gethelp/</u> Feeding San Diego: <u>https://feedingsandiego.org/find-food/#locate</u>