



District Highlights

Superintendent - Gina A. Potter, Ed.D.

Week of March 27, 2020

SUPERINTENDENT

SCHOOL HEROES EMERGE THROUGH THE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) PANDEMIC

Our district sincerely hopes that our students, their families, our staff and our community remain safe and healthy during this coronavirus health crisis. We are living in an unprecedented moment in history wherein as of today the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted approximately 175 countries and over half a million people worldwide have contracted the virus. The remarkable humanitarian effort we are embarking on to engage in social distancing in an effort to save as many lives as possible is truly a testament of our solidarity as genuinely caring human beings.

The rapid rate of coronavirus transmission that is occurring within California is such that our district and the state and county health departments have indicated that it is likely our physical schools will not be able to reopen before summer. This means that all districts in the state will transition from classroom instruction to distance learning for students to continue learning at home. With this said, I highly commend our education services team and their leaders, Manuela Colom and Cynthia Monreal-Gonzalez for working countless hours to create and begin to deploy the first two phases of our district's **Distance Learning Program** so our students can continue to progress in their academic achievement throughout the school closure period! Next week our district will send to all families a second letter regarding the deployment of Phases II and III of our distance learning program.

The leadership of our Board Members, our management team and the valiant efforts of our staff is applauded during this crisis. In the last few weeks our district has had essential employees continue to report to work to ensure our community has access to free meals, to plan and deploy distance learning for almost 5,000 preschool through 8th grade students, to ensure campus safety, and so much more! I will shine a spotlight on our child nutrition department and our Director of Nutrition Services, Evelyn Zarzosa, as just this Wednesday they served approximately 700 meals to our San Ysidro community! These staff members are unheralded heroes and I extend our district's most sincere debt of gratitude to each of them!!!

COVID-19 STATE ORDERS & RESOURCES

Low-Cost Home Internet/Internet para el hogar de bajo costo

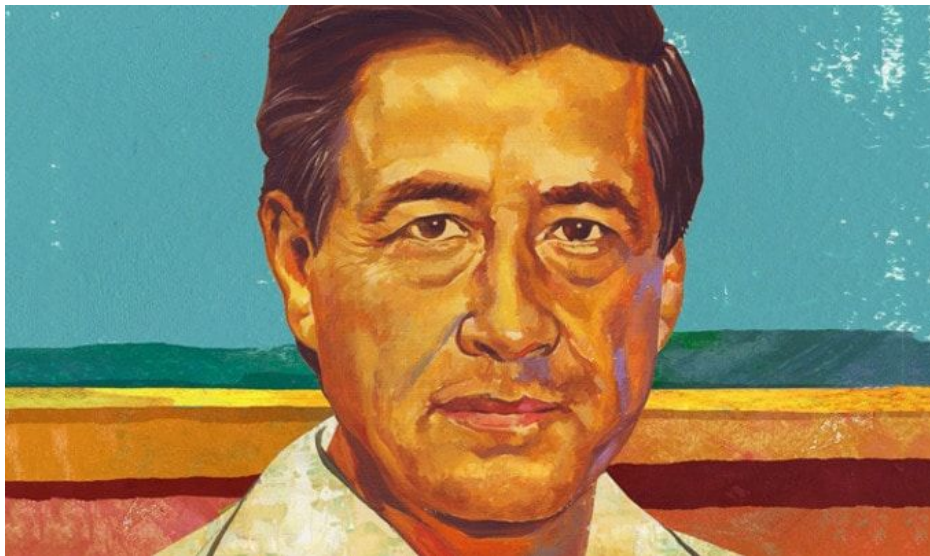
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SPRING VACATION: March 30 through April 6th

Spring vacation is scheduled from Monday, March 30th through Monday, April 6th for our students. Also, Monday, March 30th and Tuesday, March 31st are holidays wherein no employees report work. Depending on their work schedules several employees will not work the week of spring break.

Teachers return to working remotely post spring break on Monday, April 6th. Students resume instruction after spring break beginning on Tuesday, April 7th. Phase II of our district's Distance Learning Program will include all students districtwide receiving in the mail two weeks of study packets for the weeks of April 7th and April 13th. These study packets will also be posted on our district's website by grade level.

CESAR CHAVEZ DAY: March 31st



Cesar Chavez has inspired entire generations of Americans to participate in social and civic affairs and has motivated many to answer the call of public service. He conveyed hope and determination, especially to minority workers. Cesar Chavez, who was committed to non-violence in advocating change and was consistent with the principles of democratic society, serves as a role model for all of our students.

The Board adopted on March 12th, 2020, Resolution No. 19/20-0029 celebrating the life, values and sacrifices of Cesar Chavez by honoring his birthday on March 31st as "Cesar Chavez Day."

REGULAR BOARD MEETING VIA VIRTUAL MEETING: Thurs., April 16th @ 5pm - Virtual Board Meeting

On Thursday, April 16th beginning at 5:00 p.m. there will be a Regular Board Meeting. Beginning in April our district's board meetings will be held virtually in order to adhere to the social distancing regulations embedded within Governor Gavin Newsom's Stay-At-Home Executive Order which is in response to the coronavirus pandemic.

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

DISTANCE LEARNING PLAN: 3 PHASES

Given the extension of school closures, we would like to provide you with an update regarding distance learning. Our district is working to establish a comprehensive **Distance Learning Plan** that meets the needs of all students. We plan to deploy in the following 3 phases:

DISTANCE LEARNING PHASE	TYPE OF LEARNING	DATE	LEARNING MEDIUM
Phase I	Online Resources	Began on March 18th	District Website
Phase II	Weekly Study Packets	Week of April 7th	District Website & Mailed Home
Phase III	Weekly Study Packets & Online Learning Portal	Beginning April 20th	District Website/Google Classroom <i>Study Packets Mailed Home by Parent Request</i>

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN: Google Classroom

School site administrators will be trained on Monday, April 6th on Google Classroom. This training will serve to provide our leadership team with the opportunity to build capacity with the Google Suite products with a focus on the Google Classroom and Google Meet. This will allow us to support our teaching staff as we begin to launch online learning as part of our distance learning plan. Teachers will be trained on Google Classroom by their school principals on Wednesday, April 8th.

BUSINESS SERVICES

CONTINUED MEAL SERVICE DURING SCHOOL CLOSURES: GRAB & GO STYLE

Spring Break: Free breakfast & lunch will be distributed one day only at one location only each week of Spring Break. The schedule will be as follows:

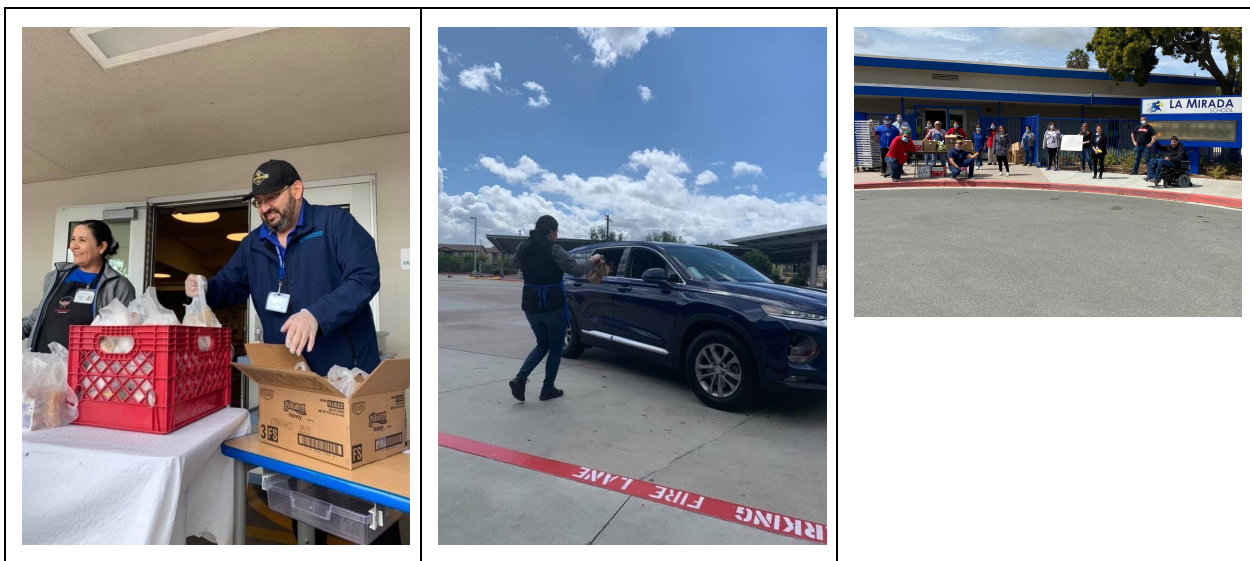
Location: La Mirada Elementary only
Date: Wednesday, March 25th and Wednesday, April 1st
Time: 11:30 am to 3:00 pm

Each child will be able to pick up breakfast and lunch for multiple days. It is a requirement that the child be present to pick up their meals. Meals will be served in a “Grab and Go” style. A very special thank you to Board President Humberto Gurmilan and Board Clerk Rudy Lopez who supported staff during the meal distributions both last week and this week.

CNS served approximately 760 students. Each student received five days worth of breakfast meals and five days worth of lunch meals. We produced 3800 breakfast meals and 3800 lunch meals. By 1:10 pm, the meal service began to slow down with very little cars lined up. Additionally, the set-up by MOTF was perfect. We were able to set-up two drive up lines. We never blocked the neighborhood and no traffic congestion. We asked parents to stay in their cars; roll up their windows and open up their trunks. A sign was placed on each car’s windshield identifying the number of meals needed. For our walk up parents, we set up a 6 ft distancing table to adhere to the social distancing regulation.

Meal service will continue after spring break as well for our community. The schedule will be shared soon.

Photos: Food Distribution at La Mirada on March 25th



FEDERAL STIMULUS PACKAGE

The House and Senate have finally passed the Federal Stimulus Package. President Trump signs a \$2.2 trillion stimulus relief package known as the CARES ACT.

Please click on the 2 links below for additional information on what is included in the Federal Stimulus Package:

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/advisor/2020/03/27/your-guide-to-the-federal-stimulus-package/#4ebaff2e2711>

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/money/2020/03/26/stimulus-checks-how-much-money-get-government/2921123001/>

GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS: Measures T & U Next Steps

Beginning on April 16th at the regularly scheduled board meeting the district will begin to take steps to issue the first set of GO Bonds for Measures T & U. This will include the adoption of several Board Resolutions on topics such as debt policy, disclosure policy, certification of the election results, appointment of a Bond Oversight Committee for both Measures T and U, and more. Note, the district is also in the process of developing a long range master facilities plan to help prioritize projects.

NEWS & COMMUNITY RELATIONS

MEDIA UPDATE

Please click on the links to view articles related to the Coronavirus (COVID-19):

- Child Mind Institute: Talking to Kids About the Coronavirus
 - <https://childmind.org/article/talking-to-kids-about-the-coronavirus/#.XneWcmzwT4w.mailto>
- COVID-19 Related Travel Restrictions across the U.S. Borders with Canada and Mexico
 - <https://mx.usembassy.gov/wha-press-guidance/#.XneAZC-NqX5.facebook>
- Union Tribune: San Diego County beaches close as public health effort aims to enforce social distancing
 - <https://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/news/health/story/2020-03-23/san-diego-beaches-close-as-public-health-effort-aims-to-enforce-social-distancing>
- Union Tribune San Diego Unified, L.A. Unified say schools need \$3 billion in emergency state funding for distance learning
 - <https://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/news/education/story/2020-03-23/san-diego-unified-l-a-unified-say-they-need-3-billion-in-emergency-state-funding-for-distance-learning>
- 10 News: Los Angeles Unified School Districts schools to remain closed through May 1
 - <https://www.10news.com/news/los-angeles-unified-school-districts-schools-to-remain-closed-through-may-1>

- VOX: National Guard troops are deploying to help with coronavirus. Here's what they're doing
 - <https://www.vox.com/2020/3/24/21188088/coronavirus-national-guard-testing-food-cleaning-martial>
- Cal Matters: California likely closed through April
 - <https://drive.google.com/file/d/11EZpz4bfic2J3Z70GAOXg-K0hf0IbHqn/view?usp=sharing>
- Union Tribune: San Diego Unified will launch online instruction and grading by April 27
 - <https://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/news/education/story/2020-03-24/san-diego-unified-will-transition-fully-to-online-learning-by-april-27>
- EdSource: What California parents and students should know about the coronavirus: a quick guide
 - <https://edsource.org/2020/coronavirus-qa-what-california-parents-and-students-should-know-about-covid-19/624413>
- Education Dive: Pandemic could lead to 'major upheaval' in school district budgets/ Lo que los padres y estudiantes de California deben saber acerca del coronavirus: una guía rápida
 - <https://www.educationdive.com/news/pandemic-could-lead-to-major-upheaval-in-school-district-budgets/574801/>

NEW & RECENT MEDIA ARTICLES ON SYSD

- Grab-n-go meals, TV education: How schools tackled Day 1 of coronavirus closures
 - <https://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/news/education/story/2020-03-16/grab-n-go-meals-how-schools-are-dealing-with-coronavirus-closure>