



District Highlights

Superintendent - Gina A. Potter, Ed.D.

Week of March 6, 2020

SUPERINTENDENT

REGULAR BOARD MEETING: Thurs., March 12th @ 5pm - Smythe Elementary School

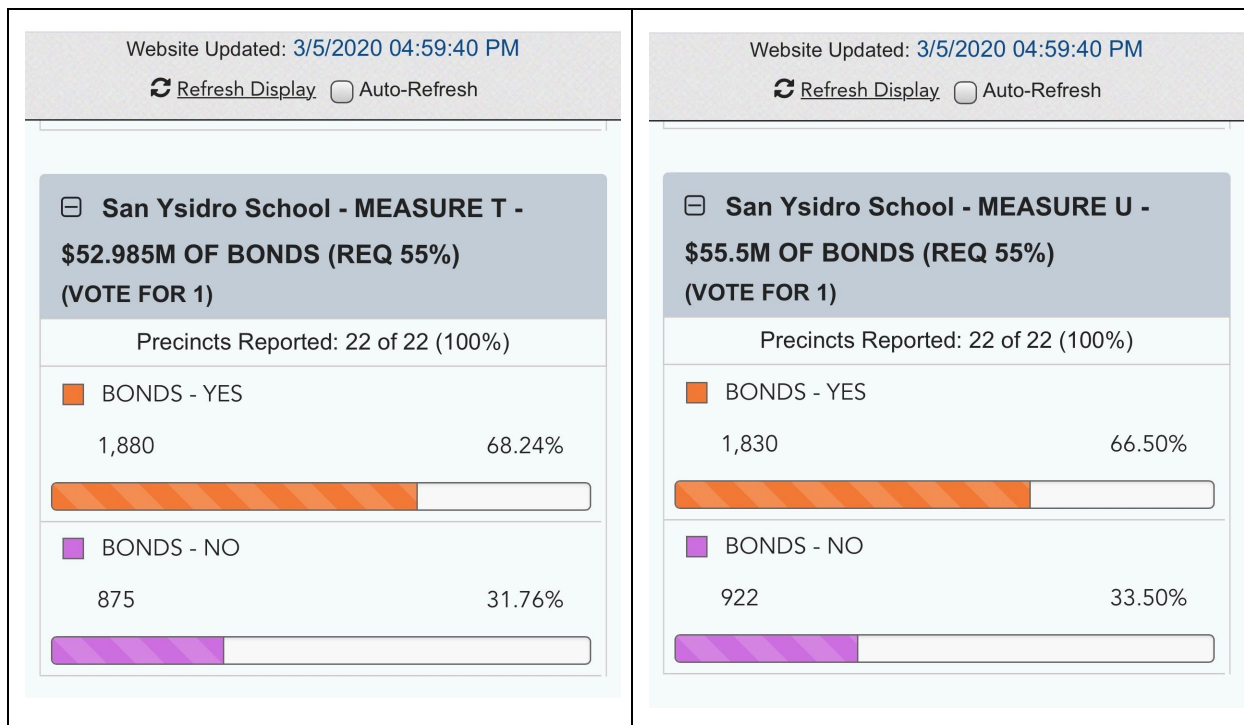
On Thursday, March 12th beginning at 5 p.m. there will be a Regular Board Meeting.

PRELIMINARY WIN FOR GO BOND MEASURES T & U!!!

CONGRATULATIONS to our school district for a preliminary win on both general obligation bond Measure T and Measure U during the March 3rd election!!! We are sincerely grateful to our community for putting our children first, prioritizing their education & focusing on their future success! Our vibrant community came together as a strong united team of leaders, staff, parents and community members to rally around student success by ensuring voters that general obligation bond funds would be utilized to address critical needs such as student safety, campus security, modernization of schools, building repairs, and technology for 21st century learning.

Our district may be one of the only to pass bond measures during the March 3rd election. Statewide our district is also one of the few to find success with our GO bond measures. This is a testament to our San Ysidro family truly pulling together as a strong united team!

A special thanks to our former Board Member Raquel Maden, Board Members, union leaders, staff and families for rallying the community behind this effort for students, their learning and their success! Below please find the most current voting information available. Note, the final election results will be certified on April 2nd.



SOUTH COUNTY JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The South County Joint Legislative Committee met in National City on Wednesday, March 4, 2020. Superintendents, 2 Board Members from each district and union leaders from National School District, South Bay Union School District, Chula Vista Elementary School District, Sweetwater Union High School District, and San Ysidro School District came together to discuss critical state legislative education topics and to review proposed legislative bills introduced in Sacramento. The Committee identified the following key legislative education issues to address with state legislative leaders:

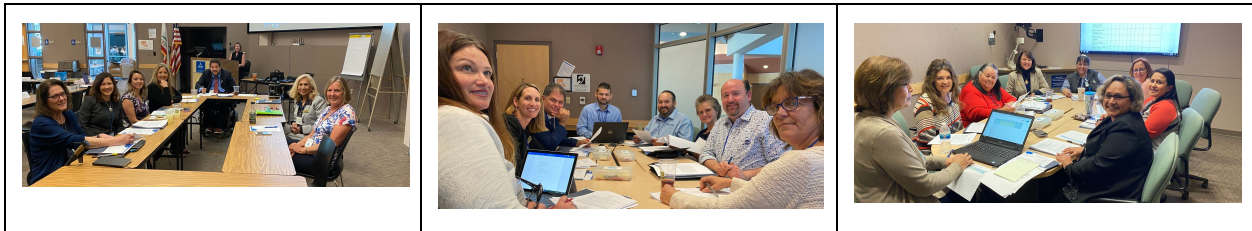
- **School Finance**
- **Student Mental Health Resources**
- **Special Education**
- **Ballot Measure - Split Roll Tax Measure: Schools & Communities First**
 - Nov 2020 Ballot

Additionally, the Committee supported the following education legislative bills:

- **AB 1837 (Smith) - Education Finance: Emergency Average Daily Attendance**
- **AB 2291 (Medina) - Special Education Funding**

A special thanks to San Ysidro School District Board President Humberto Gurmilan for chairing the meeting, to South County SELPA Executive Director Russell Coronado, Michelle Sturm-Gonzalez and their team for allowing their facilities to be utilized and for helping San Ysidro School District organize, prepare and host the meeting, to National School District Superintendent Dr. Leighangela Brady for co-leading the meeting with San Ysidro School District Superintendent Dr. Gina Potter, and to California School Boards Association representative Raquel Maden for providing the legislative bill information and for her help in drafting a letter to our legislative representatives in Sacramento sharing the Committee's top legislative education priorities. We also express gratitude to San Ysidro School District administrative office team members Francisco Mata, Miguel Ortega and Monica Yrinea for their incredible preparation and organization of this meeting.

Next year the South County Joint Legislative Committee meeting will be hosted by South Bay Union School District and their Superintendent Dr. Katie McNamara.



REGION 18 - PHI DELTA KAPPA & ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS: SUPERINTENDENTS' RECOGNITION DINNER & SAN YSIDRO SCHOOL DISTRICT FEATURED AS THE KEYNOTE PRESENTER

It was an honor for Superintendent Dr. Gina Potter to serve as the keynote speaker during this countywide event wherein San Diego school district superintendents were recognized. The title of her speech was "Leading as Una Familia" which allowed for Board President Gurmilan, Board Clerk Rudy Lopez, Board Member Irene Lopez, cabinet members: Manuela Colom, Dr. David Farkas, Marilyn Adrianzen, and Coordinator of Community Schools and Expanded Learning Programs Omar Calleros to co-present the remarkable successes of our school district in the last two years. This was a great opportunity for our district to shine!

A very special thank you is extended to Vista Del Mar Middle school's Baile Folklorico Dancers and their teacher Ms. Bustos for performing during this special event! It was heart-warming Superintendent Dr. Gina Potter's husband, children, mother, father and his wife, aunt and uncle all attended the event to show their strong support of our San Ysidro family.





SOUTHWEST ADMINISTRATORS' ASSOCIATION MEETING - GUEST SPEAKER: SAN DIEGO COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION SUPERINTENDENT DR. PAUL GOTHOLD

Several district instructional leaders had the opportunity to listen to the San Diego County Office of Education (SDCOE) Superintendent Dr. Paul Gothold speak about the support programs available at the county level for schools to access. A few of the resources and programs available at the county office of education for schools include support with: Multi-tiered Systems of Support, Emergency Preparedness, Coronavirus Guidance, Mental Health Service Models for Schools, Local Control Accountability Plan training, and school finance advocacy at the state level. Debra McLaren is the current President of the Southwest Administrators' Association and a successful principal in the Chula Vista Elementary School District.





SCHOOL & LAW ENFORCEMENT COLLABORATION MEETING OF THE SOUTHERN-MOST AREAS

These are quarterly meetings between schools and law enforcement agencies in the southernmost part of San Diego County that collaborate, network and discuss current trends related to safety and issues that affect our schools and community. The attendees consist of Juvenile Division Officers/Deputies, School Resource Officers/Deputies, site principals, assistant principals, security and safety personnel, Directors of Communications/PIOs, and any others who have interaction between agencies.

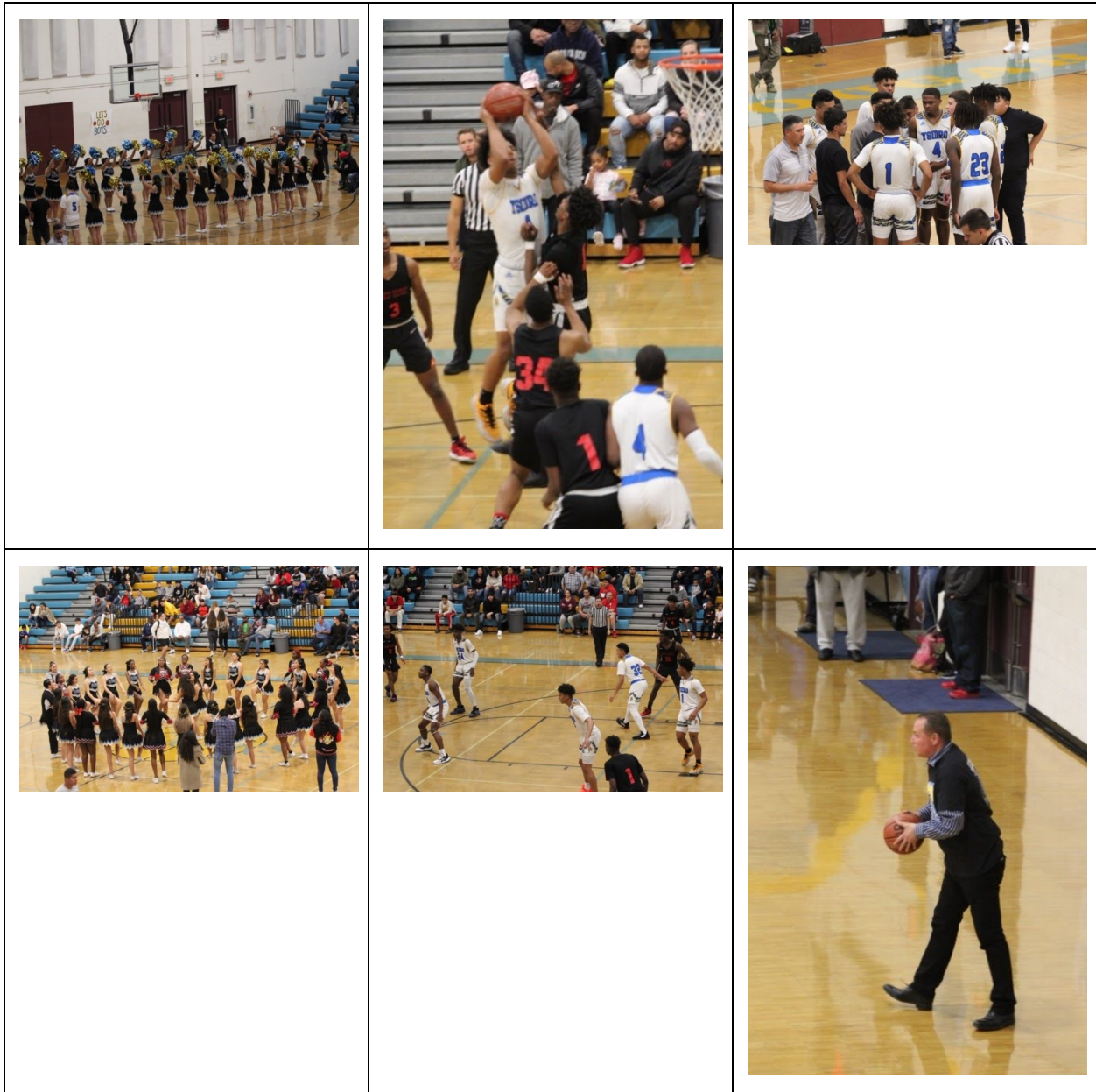


CONGRATULATIONS TO SAN YSIDRO HIGH SCHOOL'S BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM FOR COMPETING IN THE STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

The San Ysidro varsity basketball team won Tuesday's home playoff game against View Park (Los Angeles, CA) by a score of 69-48. A few of their star players are former students of the San Ysidro School District. Superintendent Dr. Gina Potter attended this exciting basketball

game to cheer our San Ysidro stars on and was grateful for the invitation to attend by San Ysidro High School Principal Dr. Reyes who also serves as a Board Member for the Chula Vista Elementary School District.

This game was part of the [CIF State 2020 Boys' Basketball Championships - Division IV tournament](#).



SCHOOL NEWS

SCHOOL CALENDARS AND/OR NEWSLETTERS TO PARENTS

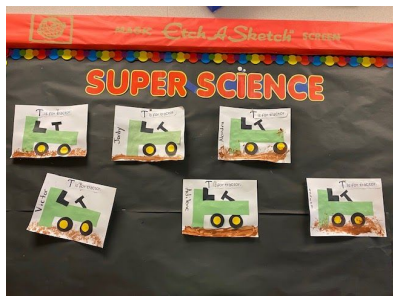
All school principals are commended for communicating with families via a school newsletter. Below are links to the school newsletters published this week.

SCHOOL	SCHOOL CALENDARS AND/OR NEWSLETTERS
La Mirada	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monthly - March 2020 Calendar https://drive.google.com/file/d/1uiHZnsSyMyLailYq1XFj8yG-KSd6gAc9/view?usp=sharing
Ocean View Hills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monthly - March 2020 Calendar https://drive.google.com/file/d/1BX9M4Pahjb-rjHUgGXT1TF-6fZujpxJd/view?usp=sharing
Smythe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monthly - March 2020 Calendar https://drive.google.com/file/d/1mQTeJyhS7YJb21_UNfDTV9da9liSRxkR/view?usp=sharing
Sunset	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monthly - March 2020 Calendar https://drive.google.com/file/d/1WV1eUwLg_4xeBxLINB50VE_nCZfigY84/view?usp=sharing
San Ysidro Middle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monthly - March 2020 Calendar https://drive.google.com/file/d/19fWLyfjx2vZC0AFtxlyaUYweO9oOvtg2/view?usp=sharing
Vista Del Mar Middle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monthly - March 2020 Calendar https://drive.google.com/file/d/1imRsbplNXtUp4h20KjX8nTVBP9p5B7ZX/view?usp=sharing
Willow	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monthly - March 2020 Calendar https://drive.google.com/file/d/1M9vXfyvxbhb_VwPpx_29gN5MuteZu5EM/view?usp=sharing
Preschool	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monthly - March 2020 Calendar https://drive.google.com/file/d/1TAdxHT8VmMxEjBvoUnMctKRcAGPPGmAl/view?usp=sharing Monthly - March 2020 - Newsletter https://drive.google.com/file/d/1cxHeW-M6nR23BHcG2hLvxQhGkl8z8UiE/view?usp=sharing

DISTRICT SCHOOL VISIT OF SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM AT OCEAN VIEW HILLS ELEMENTARY

A special thanks to Ocean View Hills Elementary staff and the special education team for hosting a district school visit on Thursday, March 5th! It was wonderful for Superintendent Dr. Gina Potter, Board Clerk Rudy Lopez, Director of Special Education Oscar Madera, Director of Educational Services Cynthia Monreal-Gonzalez, Program Specialist Kathleen Cordero, lead psychologist Denise Villezcas, and Assistant Principal Erika Meza to visit the special education classrooms and observe students engaged in learning and happy. Our district sincerely thanks our special education staff members at Ocean View Hills for their dedication and commitment to our students and their academic success.

SCHOOL VISIT PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS



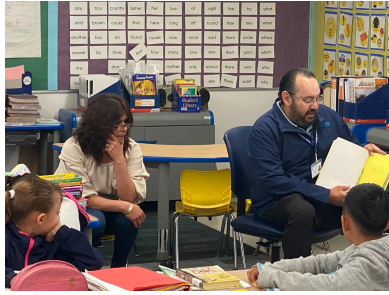
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

READ ACROSS AMERICA ACTIVITIES THROUGH THE DISTRICT

Read Across America Day, also known as Dr. Seuss Day is a yearly observance that mainly focuses on motivating children to read. The San Ysidro School District celebrated this day the week of March 2nd. Below you will find photos of various events throughout our district.

La Mirada School







Sunset School



Ocean View Hills School





Smythe School



SAFA'S STORY PRE-SHOW LESSONS AT SMYTHE

Pre-show workshops are in-class lessons that Blindspot Collective Teaching Artists provide in each of the classes that will be attending the show. They are 45-60 minute interactive lessons to introduce vocabulary around diversity, cultural acceptance, race dynamics and being an upstander versus a bystander.



PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

The week of March 2nd- March 6th was parent conference week at all of our schools. This is a valuable time when teachers/staff can meet with parents to discuss how students are doing in school. It's a chance for parents to ask questions about what is happening at school and in the class, as well as discuss their child's progress. These opportunities are very important for our families, students, and staff in building the home-school connection and supporting our students as a team.

BUSINESS SERVICES

SAFETY TASK FORCE & DRUG PREVENTION PRESENTATION AT SUNSET

The DEA's Office provided a presentation on drug prevention and drug smuggling prevention to our parents and community on Thursday. The District Attorney's Office (Marissa Bejarano) and the San Diego Police Department (Captain Del Toro and Sergeant Dempsy) were also available for any questions.



NEWS & COMMUNITY RELATIONS

MEDIA UPDATE

Below is a list of recent news article/s:

- Union Tribune: School bond measures show strong support in San Ysidro
 - <https://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/communities/south-county/story/2020-03-03/school-bond-measures-show-strong-support-in-san-ysidro>
- USA Today: Daylight saving time begins Sunday. Are you ready to spring forward?
 - <https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2020/03/04/daylight-savings-time-coming-sunday-get-ready-spring-forward/4952272002/>
- 10 News: California declares emergency over coronavirus
 - <https://www.10news.com/news/national/coronavirus/california-declares-state-of-emergency-after-1st-coronavirus-death>
- Union Tribune: Chula Vista AT&T employee diagnosed with coronavirus as county broaden outreach
 - <https://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/news/health/story/2020-03-05/coronavirus-att>

SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE EVENTS

School	Date	Time
La Mirada School	Wednesday, March 11, 2020	4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Willow School	Wednesday, March 11, 2020	4:00 - 6:00 p.m.