



District Highlights

Superintendent - Gina A. Potter, Ed.D.

Week of April 10, 2020

SUPERINTENDENT

VIDEO MESSAGES FROM GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS & SUPERINTENDENT WISHING OUR STUDENTS AND FAMILIES WELL

Our Governing Board President Humberto Gurmilan directed and edited the following video messages from each of our board members and superintendent. Our governance team's video messages wish our students and families well during this difficult time. Also, our superintendent shares information about the district's distance learning and meal programs. Enjoy!

District Message from Governing Board Members to parents and families:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1W2o9GSN4FF_aQR9rlipe2M_23BuyDjMS/view?usp=sharing

District Message from Superintendent Dr. Gina Potter to parents and families:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ryOPsn3Xn8bRjbsf1CweGggpFkEPFfcb/view?usp=sharing>

SPOTLIGHTS FROM THIS WEEK

This has been a very busy week for our San Ysidro School District staff! On Monday, our very own teacher Sylvia Mayer who is an expert in technology trained our principals and resource teachers on Google Classroom. Then our principals trained their teachers on Wednesday on Google Classroom so they can deploy to students beginning April 20th.

Also, this week our Director of Technology, Todd Lewis, and the technology crew disinfected and programmed over 2,000 chromebooks to prepare them to be distributed to students beginning next week! A special thanks to Carolina Jaime from the technology department for her hard work to configure the district's website to provide a front page Distance Learning section for students and parents to easily navigate!

Maintenance and operations team members disinfected and cleaned all of our schools and district office buildings and classrooms this week!

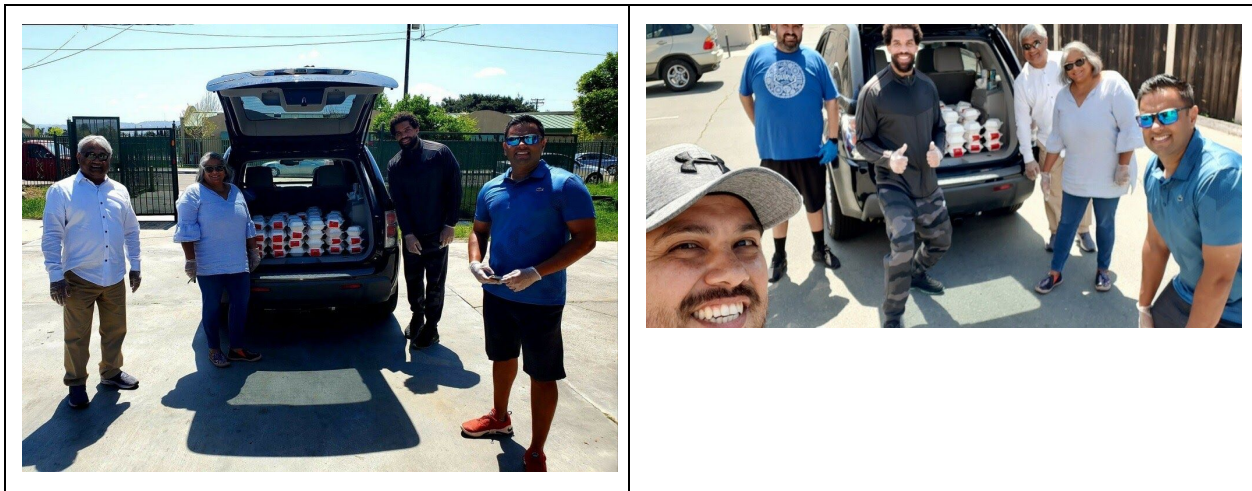
Our education services administrators Manuela Colom and Cynthia Monreal Gonzalez along with their team and administrators from throughout the district office finished

printing, collating, packaging, addressing and mailing over 6,000 Study Packets to students from all of our 7 schools!

FORMER SAN DIEGO CHARGER AND NFL PLAYER JASON PERRY DONATES MEALS TO SUNSET FAMILIES AND COMMUNITY

On Friday, April 3, 2020, former San Diego Charger and NFL player, Jason Perry, donated 100 meals to help feed some of our Sunset families during this very difficult time. Board Clerk Rudy Lopez was in attendance helping at this event. Director of Child Nutrition Services, Evelyn Zarzosa, provided guidelines on proper food handling.

A very special thank you to Sunset Outreach Consultant, Rodrigo Amezcua, and former Sunset and current Ocean View Hills Assistant Principal, Erika Meza, for coordinating this event. Thank you so much former San Diego Charger, Jason Perry, Principal Efrain Burciaga and all the volunteers for always thinking about our families and community.



REGULAR BOARD MEETING VIA VIRTUAL MEETING: Thurs., April 16th @ 5pm - Change of Location - Virtual Zoom 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.

The district has determined the need to utilize Zoom for our board meetings. SDCOE's technology department is working with our district Director of Technology, Todd Lewis, to set up the Zoom board meeting structure.

Also, our Director of Technology, Todd Lewis, has created a district email for public comment during board meetings. This email for public comment is: publiccomment@sysdschools.org. Board agendas will indicate the need for the public to submit their public comment via email at publiccomment@sysdschools.org. There will be a 300 word limit to the public comments to align with our district's 3 minute public comment board policy.

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

DISTANCE LEARNING PLAN: Letter to Families #3

 San Ysidro School District EST - 1887	Educational Services Department
	GOVERNING BOARD Humberto Gurmilan, President Antonio Martinez, Vice-President Rudy Lopez, Clerk Irene Lopez, Member Rosaleah Pallasigue, Member
Quality education and opportunity for all students to succeed	

Manuela Colom
Executive Director

April 9, 2020

Dear San Ysidro School District Families & Staff,

As part of Phase II of our Distance Learning Program our district mailed home to all transitional kindergarten through 8th grade students two Study Packets for this week and next week. Please look in the mail over the next few days for your child's Study Packets for continued learning at home.

Also, the district has posted these Study Packets on our website at: <https://www.sysdschools.org/>. The Study Packets can be found on the website under: Distance Learning: To access the study packets click on Distance Learning Picture or Distance Learning label, then scroll down and click on Distance Learning. The study packets will be organized by grade level on the right-hand side.

Finally, this week your child's teacher is working to contact all families to check on how you are doing; and to confirm that our district has the correct phone number, email and address to communicate with you.

Beginning on Monday, April 20th your child's teacher will provide you with their weekly instructional support schedule which may include Google Meet class meetings/instruction (audio or video), office hours and access to your child's Google Classroom portal for instructional curriculum.

We appreciate your support during these unprecedented times. May your families be well.

Sincerely,



Manuela Colom
Executive Director of Curriculum, Instruction & Innovation
and



Cynthia Monreal Gonzalez
Director of Education Services

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BOARD PRESIDENT - HUMBERTO GURMILAN AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND INNOVATION - MANUELA COLOM ON TELEMUNDO SPEAKING ABOUT VIRTUAL LEARNING IN THE CLASSROOM

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1O8SBrUVeHmV1lrY8IA3fkDHkYKN9WM50R/view?usp=sharing>

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN: Google Classroom & Google Meet

School site administrators were trained on Monday, April 6th on Google Classroom and Google Meet. District teachers were trained on the use of Google Classroom & Google Meet. These Google Suite products will serve as the platform for teachers to deliver Distance Learning to students.

As we move to launch these online platforms teachers will continue to receive support with professional development through follow-up professional development upon request or identified need.

HUMAN RESOURCES

SOCIAL DISTANCING AND SANITATION PROTOCOL

Last week the district posted the attached social distancing and sanitation protocol at all entrances to our facilities, as required by the state. Our custodial, maintenance, and grounds teams are doing an absolutely fantastic job in keeping all of SYSD safe and clean. Thank you all for working together to get through this challenging time.

Social Distancing and Sanitation Protocol:

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STAFF MEMBER HEROES

There was incredible teamwork displayed this past week as study packets were created and mailed to all of our 5,000 students. Cynthia Gonzalez, Linda Gonzalez, Rocio Alvarado and Elizabeth Originales led the tough task of organizing this operation. Alejandro Valencia supported the project by printing over 6,000 packets. The entire Educational Services and Management team supported the project by stuffing envelopes. Carolina Jaime led the team by creating a user friendly website for all of our students and families to be able to access the study packets electronically. The entire IT team worked all week to prepare chromebooks for distribution to our students in need of devices next week at VDM. These efforts from our heroes are so appreciated!

BUSINESS SERVICES

TECHNOLOGY TEAM HEROES: Preparation of Chromebooks for Student Distribution

We would like to thank our technology department for their dedication in ensuring that our students are prepared for distance learning. Over the past few weeks, the technology team has been disinfecting, repairing and organizing over 2,000 chromebooks so that they are ready for distribution.

Here is a video of our Director of Education Technology - Todd Lewis speaking about the technology department configuring Chromebooks for students:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1kvH8-M7NKEi0HskBqotjpsMiewWN-v30/view?usp=sharing>



**CONTINUED MEAL SERVICE FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE SCHOOL YEAR:
GRAB & GO STYLE**

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

- Location:** La Mirada Elementary only
- Date:** Wednesdays, April 8th - June 3rd
- Time:** 11:30 am to 1:00 pm or until we run out of meals

Each child will be able to pick up breakfast and lunch for multiple days. *Children are now not required to be present to pick up their meals.* We're encouraging parents to only pick up meal servings once and for just their child(ren). Meals will be served in a "Grab and Go" style.

Free Meal Program for April - June, 2020 /Programa de Comida Gratuita para abril - junio, 2020 - Email sent to parents on 4-7-20

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1snOoCrVdHJuFM9ZLAVRjM77DLZUzzm0/view?usp=sharing>

Free Meal Program for the Remainder of the School Year - Email sent to parents on 4-7-20

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Ux1aCgbz-eyh6zST9mCOBrdckInbKUXH/view?usp=sharing>

NEWS & COMMUNITY RELATIONS

PRESS RELEASE: Board President Gurmilan Elected as a CSBA Region 17 Delegate!



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PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: April 9, 2020

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Governing Board President Named CSBA Region 17 Delegate

SAN YSIDRO – Humberto Gurmilan, Governing Board President, has been named a Delegate to the California School Boards Association (CSBA) Delegate Assembly as a representative of Region 17. This region, representing San Diego County, which consists of 24 delegates from various school districts, is a vital link in the Association's governance and sets the general policy direction. Delegates work with member boards, the CSBA Board of Directors and Executive Committee to ensure that the interests of California's school districts and county offices of education are promoted, according to the CSBA nomination memorandum.

"I am honored to have been chosen as a Delegate", said Board President Gurmilan. "I'm proud to represent San Ysidro School District and all San Diego County school districts to ensure that our voice is heard and every student has the opportunity to succeed and receive the best education possible".

President Gurmilan has served on the SYSD Governing Board since December of 2018. He was elected Board President in December of 2019. In the past year, he has immersed himself in his role by consistently participating in district events, engaging with all district stakeholders including students, parents, staff and community and ensuring that the district is fulfilling its obligation to provide a quality education to all students.

Prior to his current role as professor of Communication and Journalism at Southwestern College and San Diego City College, President Gurmilan was an accomplished television sports journalist at Spanish-language Telemundo. He is also the Founder and Director of the Gurmilan Foundation, which is "committed to empowering individuals with disabilities through education and opportunity" as stated on its website.

As a Delegate, President Gurmilan will serve a two-year term beginning April 1, 2020 through March 31, 2022. He will be required to attend two Delegate Assembly meetings tentatively scheduled for May and December of 2020.

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As stated on its official website, the California School Boards Association (CSBA) is the nonprofit education association representing the elected officials who govern public school districts and county offices of education. With a membership of nearly 1,000 educational agencies statewide, CSBA brings together school governing boards, and administrators from districts and county offices of education to advocate for effective policies that advance the education and well-being of the state's more than 6 million school-age children. A membership-driven association, CSBA provides policy resources and training to members, and represents the statewide interests of public education through legal, political legislative, community and media advocacy.

If you have any questions, please contact Francisco Mata, Coordinator of Public Relations and Community Services, at (619) 750-6720.

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RECENT MEDIA ARTICLES ON SYSD

- Union Tribune: Education associations name administrators, board members of year
 - <https://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/north-county-community-news/story/2020-04-02/associations-name-honorees-of-the-year>
- NBC 7News: No Hotel Tax or Voter-Req'd Land Use Changes, Few School Bonds: SD County's Ballot Measure Results
 - <https://www.nbcsandiego.com/news/local/no-hotel-tax-or-voter-reqd-land-use-changes-few-school-bonds-sd-countys-ballot-measure-results/2300054/>

MEDIA UPDATE

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

- Union Tribune en Español: Los sitios de comida escolar permanecerán abiertos ante la orden de quedarse en casa
 - <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1YSdAXbi9JnFeiru6vGpuiHmBXuQPX2X/view?usp=sharing>
- Union Tribune: San Diego Unified began largest Chromebook distribution in San Diego County Monday
 - <https://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/news/education/story/2020-04-06/san-diego-unified-began-largest-chromebook-distribution-in-san-diego-county-monday>
- CNN: What California is doing right in responding to the coronavirus pandemic
 - <https://www.cnn.com/2020/04/08/us/california-coronavirus-explainer/index.html>