



District Highlights

Superintendent - Gina A. Potter, Ed.D.

Week of April 24, 2020

SUPERINTENDENT

DISTANCE LEARNING PROGRAM: PHASE III GOOGLE CLASSROOMS NOW LIVE!



The district extends our most sincere gratitude to our teachers in every school who worked so hard these last few weeks to launch Phase III of the Distance Learning Program by beginning their Google Classroom portals with their students on Monday, April 20th!!! Our teachers have exhibited heroic efforts to both learn, create and now teach using the Google Classroom and Google virtual meeting portals. A distance learning professional development calendar and lead technology support staff are now available for teachers to access for help.

We also commend our students in all grades, preschool-8th, for learning how to log into your teacher's Google Classroom for assignments and learning activities, and for participating in teacher office hours and class meetings! Great job students! We are so proud of you for making this difficult transition from learning in the classroom at school each day to learning in a virtual classroom environment.

Finally, we give special thanks to our parents and guardians for learning with our teachers and students how to access and use Google Classroom and the virtual Google Meeting portals so you can help your child/ren be successful as they learn in a digital classroom. Many of our staff members are parents of school age children, including myself, and we understand how challenging it has been for families to shift to having

their children both stay at home, and learn at home. Families, please know our district is here to support you and your child/ren. We are working towards providing parents/guardians with distance learning and technology workshops, training center opportunities, and a phone help line. Stay posted as help is on the way!

CHROMEBOOK DISTRIBUTION: Week of April 20th

The week of April 20th our district continued Chromebook distribution for students at all elementary schools and make-up pick up days for students at both of our middle schools! Overall, we have approximately 2,000 Chromebooks available for students in grades 5th-8th and students in special education grades TK-8th. Our sincere appreciation is extended to the technology team, maintenance and operations team and the school staff teams for their hard work to prepare and distribute the chromebooks!

Our district is grateful to the Governing Board Members for authorizing the purchase of 1,475 additional chromebooks utilizing federal restricted funds which recently were approved by the United States Department of Education to be used flexibly for certain COVID-19 pandemic purposes. The district anticipates these new chromebooks will not arrive from the vendor in time to support this school year, however, they can support summer and fall instruction.

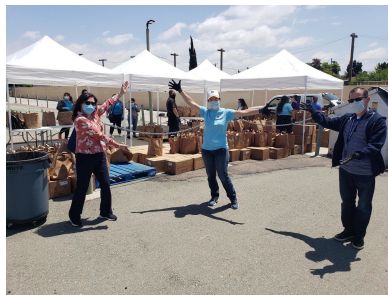


SUNSET FOOD BANK

Through our partnership with Feeding America, we were able to provide 2 bags of groceries each to 400 of our families on Wednesday, April 22nd at Sunset Elementary. A big “Thank You” to our community partners; Casa Familiar, Lisa Cuestas and her team and YMCA, Steve Hensel and the after school staff, for volunteering and handing out grocery bags. Board Member Rudy Lopez, Principal Efrain Burciaga and other members of our District staff also provided much needed help. Rodrigo Amezquita, Outreach Consultant at Sunset Elementary, worked with Omar Calleros, Coordinator Full Service Community Schools, to reestablish our relationship with Feeding America for the Sunset Food Bank. In addition to helping distribute the groceries, Mr. Amezquita also donated the canopies and tables for the event.

SUNSET FOOD PANTRY & CHROMEBOOK DISTRIBUTION VIDEO:

https://youtu.be/oXEmVL6A_Rol



COVID-19 UPDATES & RESOURCES

State Superintendent Tony Thurmond and State Leaders Hear from Internet Service Providers in First Digital Divide Task Force Hearing 4-20-20

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1vbpeW4wB0Vwu_XjwWoKidMMjcAOclUM_/view?usp=sharing

State Governor Newsom Issues Executive Order on the 2020-21 Accountability Plan

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Letter from County Superintendent & District Attorney: Our obligations for reporting abuse and neglect

- SDCOE Superintendent and District Attorney Mandated Reporter COVID-19 letter
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1jEb54XkrqyZ4iHNpkB8A8UiU2KoCp4xT/view?usp=sharing>
- Reporting Abuse During COVID 19
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1bF0Fs9XJmNRHjqCCtjat4nKvV0ILMLRf/view?usp=sharing>

REGULAR VIRTUAL ZOOM BOARD MEETING: Thurs., May 14th @ 5pm - *Change of Location - Virtual Zoom Board Meeting*

On Thursday, May 14th beginning at 5:00 p.m. there will be a Regular Board Meeting. This governing board meeting 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.

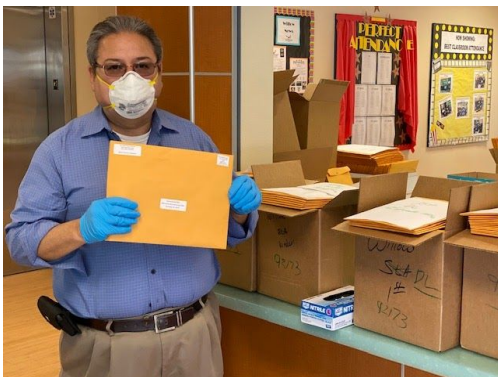
The email for public comment is: publiccomment@sysdschools.org . Board agendas will indicate the need for the public to submit their public comment via email at publiccomment@sysdschools.org. There will be a 300 word limit to the public comments to align with our district's 3 minute public comment board policy.

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

LAUNCHING DISTANCE LEARNING ON GOOGLE CLASSROOM

The district launched Phase III of our Distance Learning Plan! Teachers worked hard to set up their Google Classrooms and welcomed their students to a new way of learning. During this phase teachers will provide instructional guidance utilizing the Google Classroom platform. Google Classroom is a system that allows teachers to create, share, and monitor while students can access content and complete assignments.

Weekly Study Packets will continue to be sent home to students and are also posted on our district website; in addition, the study packets are available for teachers on the District Learning Teacher Resource Drive.



DISTANCE LEARNING TECHNOLOGY RULES & GUIDELINES: Email Sent To Parents on 4-20-20

The Distance Learning Technology Rules and Guidelines were created as a guide for our students as they follow the San Ysidro School District Use of Technology Board Policy 6163.4. The district expects all students to use technology responsibly in order to avoid potential problems and liability. The district may place reasonable restrictions on the sites, material, and/or information that students may access through the system.

SAN YSIDRO SCHOOL DISTRICT

DISTANCE LEARNING TECHNOLOGY RULES & GUIDELINES

Guidelines for a Positive Distance Learning Environment

The purpose of distance learning is to allow students equitable access to continued internet based learning, educational materials, instructional activities, and to assess student's knowledge and understanding. The district's *Distance Learning Technology Rules & Guidelines* provide reasonable safeguards to limit the risks of the internet and digital platforms to students and teachers. This document provides technology rules and tips for students to follow during distance learning to ensure a safe learning environment.

Distance Learning Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports Matrix (PBIS)

SAFE	RESPECTFUL	RESPONSIBLE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Use kind words ● Use technology as directed and safely ● Never communicate with strangers online ● Only post appropriate questions & comments in the chat box ● For privacy and safety, do not video or post photos of your home 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Follow teacher directions & guidance ● Be respectful of your teacher and classmates ● Mute when not speaking ● Listen attentively ● Take turns speaking ● Respect others' cultures, opinions & views ● Be present & avoid distractions ● Use appropriate & respectful language 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Charge your device in advance or plug it in ● Participate and be on time for virtual instruction, class meetings, & office hours ● Have materials ready (paper, notebook, pencil/pen, calendar, etc.) ● Complete Study Packets & assignments ● Ask your teacher for help, if needed (during virtual instruction/meetings/office hours, email, during instruction, or possibly by phone) ● Ask clarifying questions

Distance Learning Technology Rules

In accordance with Board Policy 6163.4 Student Use of Technology, the district expects all students to use technology responsibly in order to stay safe and to avoid potential problems and liability. Below are the district's technology rules.

1	Students do not access, post, display, or otherwise use material that is discriminatory, libelous, defamatory, obscene, sexually explicit, or disruptive.
2	Students will not bully, harass, intimidate, or threaten other students, staff, or other individuals ("cyberbullying").
3	Students will not disclose, use, or disseminate personal identification information (such as name, address, telephone number, Social Security number, or other personal information) of another student, staff member, or other person with the intent to threaten, intimidate, harass, or ridicule that person.
4	Students will not infringe on copyright, license, trademark, patent, or other intellectual property rights.
5	Students will not intentionally disrupt instruction or harm district technology or other district operations (such as destroying district equipment, placing a virus on district computers, adding or removing a computer program without permission from a teacher or other district personnel, changing settings on shared computers).
6	Students will not install unauthorized software on district Chromebook.
7	Students will not "hack" into the system to manipulate data of the district or other users.
8	Students will not engage in or promote any practice that is unethical or violates any law or Board policy, administrative regulation, or district practice.
9	Students may not change, alter, bypass, or attempt to bypass any Chromebook security measures including filtered Internet sites.
10	Chat lines, bulletin boards, forums, etc. may not be accessed by students without prior consent from a teacher or person monitoring the Internet use.
11	Sending messages with the intent to intimidate, frighten, threaten, or bully another person is considered harassment
12	It is a violation to share your Chromebook or your password with anyone else, or to access any account belonging to other students, faculty, or staff.

GUIDELINES FOR VIRTUAL CLASS MEETINGS, OFFICE HOURS & INSTRUCTION

1	Dress appropriately. Wear clothing that is acceptable for school. You do not need to wear your school uniform for distance learning. Do not wear pajamas.
2	Mute your device or phone when not speaking.
3	Sit in a spot that is appropriate for school. Do not sit on your bed, unless there is no other location available.
4	Choose an appropriate background. A wall, a door, an outside location that is quiet, or other safe location works. Keep your home confidential by limiting your video background.
5	Turn off video, when needed and listen to audio. You may turn off the video mode on your Google Class Meetings/Office Hours at any time. If something is happening in your home that is confidential, you can turn off video and listen to the teacher by audio only. If you need to step away for the bathroom or other activity that will create a sound that is confidential, turn off your video.

6	Do not take photos, screenshot or video your class meetings or lessons. Do not post on any social media platform photos, screenshots or videos of your virtual instruction. This is not allowed during class at school and will also not be allowed during distance learning.
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Violations of the law, board policies, and these district distance learning rules and guidelines may result in revocation of a student’s access to district technology and/or discipline, up to and including suspension or expulsion. In addition, violations of the law, board policies, and these district distance learning rules and guidelines may be reported to law enforcement, as appropriate.

Chromebooks connected to the internet outside of the San Ysidro School District Data Network (off campus), such as at home or in public places, are not filtered by the San Ysidro School District. While Google Safe Search is turned on for District accounts, in these instances, it is the parent/guardian’s responsibility to ensure their student is using the device appropriately.

Thank you students and families for your cooperation and adherence to the district’s **Distance Learning Technology Rules and Guidelines**. Please know that the purpose of these rules and guidelines are to keep our students and staff safe while engaging in the distance learning program.

English version:
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1lh2HPnIFM0Dxow4EUaPdPoCvEbB6Tz2V/view?usp=sharing>

TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

This week teachers had the opportunity to participate in training for Google, Benchmark, Renaissance Place, My Math, and Imagine Learning.

A [Teacher Professional Development Calendar](#) (linked on title) has been created and shared with teachers in order to communicate the upcoming and ongoing professional development that is intended to support them with the implementation of distance learning. This calendar will be updated weekly to reflect upcoming professional development topics. Additionally, we will share the archived video-recorded versions of the training sessions, whenever they are available. Here are this week’s training opportunities:

MON 20	TUE 21	WED 22	THU 23	FRI 24
			Digital Equity, Resource	
Google: Recording Le: Utilize Benchmark Uni	Benchmark Universe 101 (TK-6) 11am – 12:30pm	Using My Math K-5 in 12 – 1pm Distance Learning Res 1 – 2pm		Benchmark Office Ho 12 – 1pm Appy Hour: Our Favori
	RenPlace: Providing E			

A Distance Learning Resource Drive has been created and shared with teachers. This drive contains resources for teachers including: How-To guides for Google Suite products, digital components of core and supplemental curriculum products, weekly PDF packets, and guides to access archived recordings of training sessions that they may want to view or revisit.

DIRECTIONS FOR SETTING UP YOUR CHROMEBOOK, CONNECTING TO THE INTERNET & JOINING GOOGLE CLASSROOM

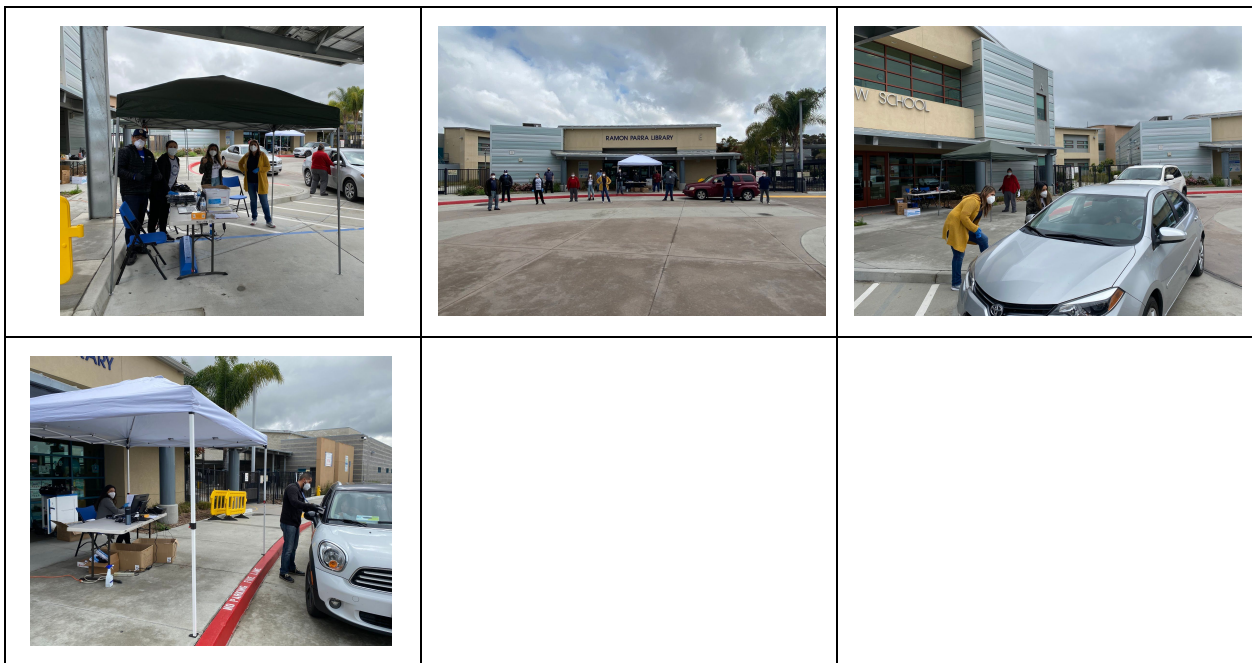
How to Setup your Chromebook & Connect to the Internet - Email sent to parents on 4-20-20

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- Spanish version
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1rhSxy_jAjC1IZF1d1BglAJGAve0WwIXV/view?usp=sharing

Joining Google Classroom

- English version
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/151kbsMFwNkGHn8SdqmmgGBSxSSkoTvHx/view?usp=sharing>
- Spanish version
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1uiP3rdMu6nxwxbGgiRN6iDsVCXzN4d_u/view?usp=sharing

Photos of the Chromebook Distribution for La Mirada School Students 4-20-20



**Photos of the Chromebook Distribution
for Ocean View Hills School Students
4-21-20**



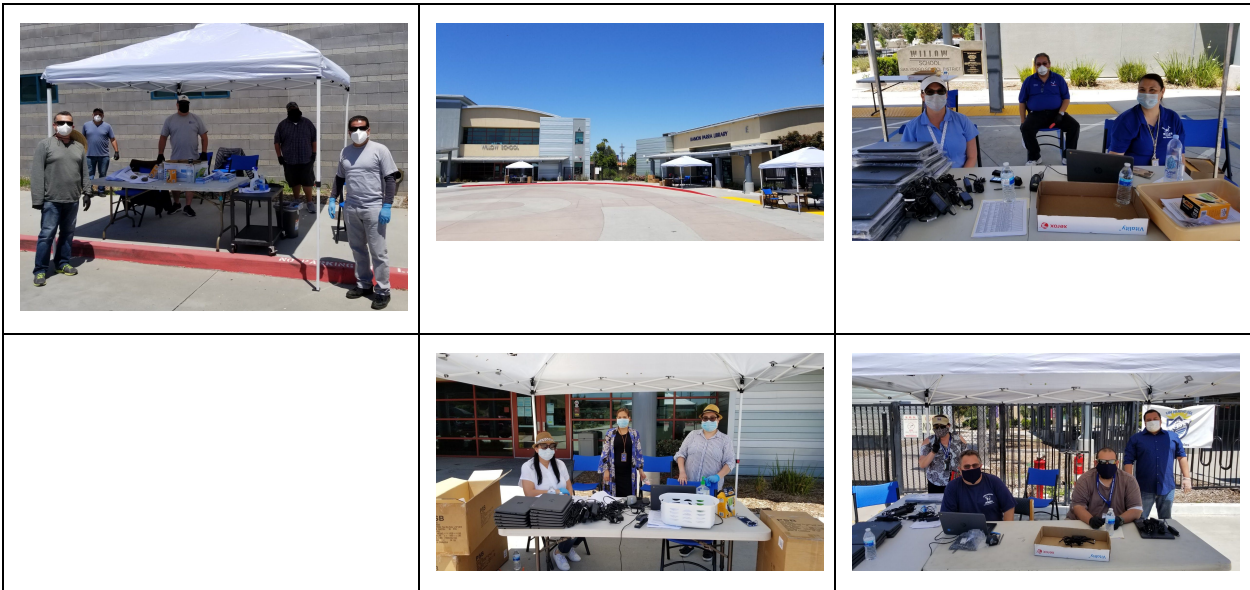
**Photos of the Chromebook Distribution
for Smythe School Students
4-22-20**



**Photos and Video of the Chromebook Distribution
for Sunset School Students
4-23-20**



**Photos of the Chromebook Distribution
for Willow School Students
4-24-20**



SAN YSIDRO DISTANCE LEARNING INSTRUCTIONAL CONTINUITY LEARNING PLAN

This Distance Learning Plan was created in response to the world health crisis that has resulted from the COVID-19 pandemic. On March 13, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom issued an Executive Order regarding the physical closure of schools by local educational agencies (LEAs) in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The order provides that even if schools close temporarily because of COVID-19, LEAs will continue to receive state funding for those days so that they provide high-quality educational opportunities to students to the extent feasible through, distance learning and/or independent study.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/15Q3Q-olXq6xDy1AiTNX5MqJX1HIUXTXBuoJgkUARXgs/edit?usp=sharing>

HUMAN RESOURCES

STAFF MEMBER HEROES

The incredible SYSD team is working at lightspeed to keep our district moving forward through this unfortunate crisis. This week, we continue to thank our teams from Child Nutrition Services, Information & Technology., maintenance, custodial, support staff, and all of our certificated staff pressing forward with the first week of distance learning. Every day, every evening, and sometimes even late at night we observe one constant, our management team. They have been the epitome of the phrase “going above and beyond” through this unknown and unique crisis. Their efforts include examples far too long for this section. Our managers are at sites, on Google Meetings, in Google Classrooms, responding to more emails than ever before, serving on negotiations teams, and doing any labor necessary to support SYSD students, staff, and families. Our management team has been on the front lines connecting with staff and families. They have ensured a supportive and calming presence to our district. This week it is very important and very well deserved when we salute the dedication and commitment of our management team!

BUSINESS SERVICES

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.

This week we served 1,200 students. Each student received 5 breakfast meals and 5 lunch meals. Total meals served = 12,000. To date, we have served 45,332.

Free Meal Program for the Remainder of the School Year - Email sent to parents on 4-13-20
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1X6sJkoV2hMellY-d_312kfCR0Wn6OnLy/view?usp=sharing

**Photos from the Wednesday, April 22nd, 2020
Grab & Go Style Breakfast & Lunch at La Mirada School:**



U.S. SOCCER FOUNDATION MINI-PITCH SOCCER FIELDS

The U.S. Soccer Foundation has received [Target](#)'s official support to offer San Ysidro School District mini-pitch donations for La Mirada, Ocean View Hills and San Ysidro Middle School. The proposed timeline for installation is from July - September 2020. Mr. Azevedo is the district's point of contact for this project.

VIRTUAL CITIZENS' BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING:

The next BOC meeting is scheduled for this Thursday, April 30th @ 6pm (Virtual Zoom BOC Meeting).

NEWS & COMMUNITY RELATIONS

MEDIA UPDATE

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

- NBC 7 News: Cox Offers Free Internet for K-12 Students Amid COVID-19 School Closures
 - <https://www.nbcsandiego.com/news/local/cox-offers-free-internet-for-k-12-students-amid-covid-19-school-closures/2308511/>
- Cal Matters: Weekly CalMatters 04-18-2020
 - <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ceEROR6el8JKXHZM-MFRGcN1CtBZJyia/view?usp=sharing>
- Fox 5 News: More school districts launch distance learning
<https://fox5sandiego.com/news/coronavirus/more-school-districts-launch-distance-learning/>
- USA Today: Three months in: A timeline of how COVID-19 has unfolded in the US
 - https://www.usatoday.com/in-depth/news/nation/2020/04/21/coronavirus-updates-how-covid-19-unfolded-u-s-timeline/2990956001/?build=native-web_i_p