



# **District Highlights**

April 9, 2021



## SUPERINTENDENT

Gina Potter, Ed.D.

## SUPERINTENDENT LETTERS TO FAMILIES REGARDING REOPENING WITH HYBRID LEARNING PROGRAM

Hello San Ysidro School District Families,

I am excited to announce the reopening of our schools beginning next week on April 12th with the launch of our Hybrid Learning Program! Our educational team is eager to welcome students back to school and to see the joy that will come with students seeing and interacting with both their teachers and friends in person. For our preschool and kindergarten students, there will be the eagerness and anticipation of coming to school for the first time. For our 6th and 8th grade students, they will have the wonderful opportunity to end the school year with their friends and to experience end-of-year activities that make school come alive. Below this letter and on our district website please find the elementary and middle school schedules beginning next week for both the Hybrid Learning Program and Distance Learning Academy.

To our families, I sincerely thank you for your patience and dedication to your child during this most difficult academic year as you have stayed by your child's side and diligently supported them with their distance learning and now hybrid learning programs. As parents, you have served as the most critical support system for your child this year, and for this we express to you our sincere gratitude.

It is with our district theme of the year, "TOGETHER" or "JUNTOS" that we will bring each other the caring, courage and strength we need to safely reopen our schools for our students. Early on in the pandemic our Governing Board Members identified safety as the top priority for our district. I am proud to share with you that our district's facilities and maintenance team have implemented the highest standards of safety recommended for schools by the California Department of Public Health. The multi-layered safety measures implemented in each of our schools includes: cloth and disposable masks for all students and staff, distancing protocols, hand washing/sanitizing, posting of safety signage, daily cleaning and disinfecting of classrooms and schools, daily temperature and health screening, enhanced air filtration upgrades in every classroom, asymptomatic COVID testing with parent permission, vaccine access to all district employees prior to schools reopening, and more.

Spring has brought a sense of hope as our county was placed in the Orange Tier on April 7th, 38.5% of individuals in San Diego have had their first vaccine and 22.7% have been fully vaccinated, over 90% of individuals 65 and older in San Ysidro have been vaccinated, and the majority of schools throughout the state will open if they are not already reopened this month of April. Also, on April 6th, the Governor announced an aspirational goal of reopening the state economy by June 15th, which means the COVID colored tiers would be discontinued and schools may be able to fully reopen for full in person instruction by the beginning of next school year.

Thank you for coming together as a united community to help one another survive this pandemic. It is our community's caring, patience and flexibility that makes us strong and extends humanitarian kindness that continues to bring us hope that life, as we once knew, will be restored.

Sincerely,

Gina Potter, Ed.D. Superintendent

# **Elementary School Schedules**

HYBRID LEARNING SCHEDULE				
		TK & K	Grades 1-3	Grades 4-6
Arrival at School	Tues, Thurs, &/or Fri.	8:30am	8:30am	8:15am
Instruction Begins	Monday - Friday	8:45am	8:45am	8:30am
LUNCH/DISMISSAL GRAB & GO Lunch	Tuesday & Thursday	11:15am	11:45am	11:30am
	Friday	11:15am	11:25am	11:10am
After <u>DISMISSAL</u> Students Transition to Online Work for Home				

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Online Small	Monday-T	12:15-12	12:25-1:2	12:30-1:4
Groups &	hursday	:55pm	5pm	0pm
Independent				
Work				
Online	Friday	40	90	90
Asynchronous		Minutes	Minutes	Minutes
Work				

DISTANCE LEARNING SCHEDULE				
		TK & K	Grades	Grades
			1-3	4-6
Instruction Begins	Monday - Friday	8:45am	8:45am	8:30am
LUNCH	Monday - Thursday	11:15am	11:45am	11:30am
	Friday	11:15am	11:25am	11:40am
After LUNCH Students Transition Continue Instruction Online				
Online Small	Monday-T	12:15-12:	12:25-1:2	12:30-1:4
Groups &	hursday	55pm	5pm	0pm
Independent				
Work	Est al ana	40	00	00
Online	Friday	40 Minutes	90 Minutes	90 Minutes
Asynchronous Work		141110162	141110163	141110162

## **Middle School Schedules**

HYBRID & DISTANCE LEARNING SCHEDULES				
Monday – Thursday		Friday		
Arrival at School				
Monday &/or Tuesday	8:15am	N/A		
Period 1 or 3	8:30am-9:15am	Period 1	8:30am-9:05am	
		Period 2	9:05am-9:40am	
SNACK Break	9:15am-9:25am	BREAK	9:40am-9:50am	
	9:25am-10:10am	Period 3	9:50am-10:25am	
Period 2 or 4		Period 4	10:25am-11:00am	
Passing Period	10:10am-10:16am	BREAK	11:00am-11:10am	
Period 3 or 6	10:16am-11:01am	Period 5	11:10am-11:45am	
		Period 6	11:45am-12:20pm	

LUNCH/DISMISSAL GRAB & GO Lunch	11:01am	LUNCH	
Independent Wor	k & Tutoring	Asynchronous Ti Comp	•
Period 1 or 3	12:01pm-12:31pm	Periods 1 - 6	30 Minutes
Period 2 or 4	12:31pm-1:01pm		
Period 3 or 6	1:01pm-1:31pm		

### **DISTRICT VIRTUAL SCHOOL REOPENING TELEBRIEFING FOR PARENTS**

Our district is excited to be reopening our schools for our students! On Thursday, April 8 the district hosted a District Virtual School Reopening Telebriefing for Parents. By April 13th there were 1,407 views on our district YouTube channel of this event.

A very special thanks to our Board President Antonio Martinez and Board Member Humberto Gurmilan who warmly welcomed families back to the reopening of our schools for the in person Hybrid Learning Program. We also appreciate the following presenters and staff who worked so hard to make this event successful: Asst. Superintendent Dr. David Farkas, Executive Director of Educational Services Cynthia Gonzalez, Director of MOTF Paulo Azevedo, Director of Child Nutrition Evelyn Zarzosa, and Director of Education Technology Todd Lewis, Coordinator of Public Relations and Community Service Francisco Mata, Senior Executive Secretary Monica Yrineo, Administrative Confidential Secretary Miguel Ortega, and Translator Pablo Sainz.

# Please click on the link to access the District Virtual Reopening Telebriefing for Parents YouTube Video Link & PowerPoint Presentation:

- YouTube Video <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kWlj4xkeWEk">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kWlj4xkeWEk</a>
- PowerPoint Presentation English
  <a href="https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1Z5nLXSZ\_XGkZubilcajVNrD2nv6DNrCS\_4jQZhM37Fl/edit?usp=sh">https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1Z5nLXSZ\_XGkZubilcajVNrD2nv6DNrCS\_4jQZhM37Fl/edit?usp=sh</a>
  <a href="https://aring">aring</a>

### PowerPoint Presentation Spanish

https://www.sysdschools.org/cms/lib/CA02206824/Centricity/Domain/4/District%20School%20Reopening %20Telebriefing%20for%20Parents%204-8-21%20Spanish%20translation.pdf



## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
Week of April 12	Hybrid Learning Programs Begins	All Schools Hybrid Program model varies by class
Wed., April 14	Vista Del Mar Middle School	Vista Del Mar Middle

	Virtual Coffee with the Principal 9:00 a.m.	School (Virtual Link)
Tues., April 20	Smythe School Virtual Coffee with the Principal 9:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.	Smythe School (Virtual Link)

# EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP, PUPIL SERVICES AND SAFETY

# WELCOMING STUDENTS BACK TO SCHOOL ON APRIL 12 & 13 WITH EXCITEMENT

This Monday we welcomed back our middle school students to in person learning. Then on Tuesday or Wednesday, our elementary and preschool students returned to their schools. We had special welcome back banners and balloons at every site's entrance.

## COUNTY NEWS CENTER: DISTRIBUTING COVID-19 VACCINES EQUITABLY

The County is continuing to expand its efforts to equitably distribute COVID-19 vaccines to populations who have suffered the worst outcomes from the pandemic. In February, the County began piloting multiple health-equity focused methods to ensure that eligible County residents who live in the hardest-hit communities can get vaccinated outside of the traditional online appointment system. For more details, visit <u>County News Center</u>.

## CDC: WHEN YOU'VE BEEN FULLY VACCINATES - HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS/CDC: CUANDO SE HA VACUNADO POR COMPLETO: CÓMO PROTEGERSE Y PROTEGER A LOS DEMÁS

**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website:** 

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated.html

# PEOPLE AGES 16+ WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR A COVID-19 VACCINATION STARTING THURSDAY, APRIL 15

Recently, we received the announcement of vaccination opportunities set for ages 16 and older in San Diego County. This will begin as early as April 15 with ages 12-15 targeted for a potential vaccination date of this summer 2021, which would qualify many of our middle school aged students for vaccination this summer and fall. Below is the link announcing this exciting news.

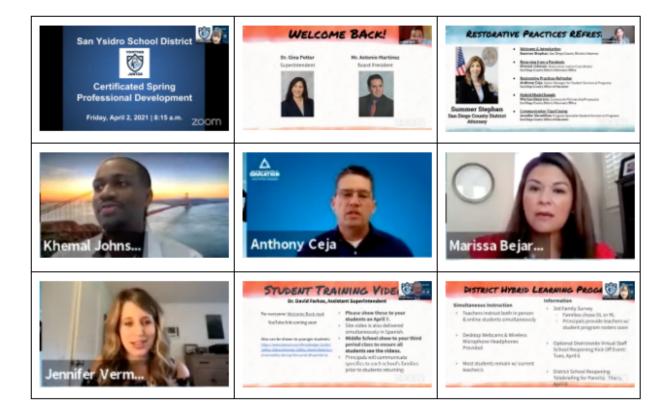
https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/hhsa/programs/phs/community\_epidemiology/dc/2019-nCoV/vaccines.ht ml

# EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

## **CERTIFICATED SPRING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

On Friday, April 2nd the district welcomed back our certificated staff with a /virtual welcome back event in preparation for the launch of the next phase of our instructional program with hybrid learning. The event included information on restorative practices, technology, safety, and professional development to support you with student engagement in this new hybrid model.

We are grateful to have been joined by the Restorative Practice Team from the San Diego District Attorney's Office & the San Diego County Office of Education who we have been working in partnership with for 3 years on these important practices. Additionally, our teachers benefited from professional development on student engagement in the virtual platform which was provided by our technology trainers: Liana Davis, Melissa Hasemyer, Sylvia Mayer, Katherine OCallaghan, and Janel Wright. As of April 13th there were 557 views of this professional development event on our district's YouTube channel!



# SCI PHY RECEIVES THE CLASSROOM OF THE FUTURE FOUNDATION'S INSPIRE AWARD

Congratulations to the Sci-Phy Team led by Ms. Elva De Baca whose members include Juanita Nunez, Janell Wright, Leticia Lemos, Melissa Hasemyer, Patricia Burch, Liana Davis and Thelma Sotelo on being recognized with the Classroom of the Future Foundation's Inspire Award! This is a well deserved honor and our district is very proud of our entire team!

Please read the email sent by SDCOE Classfrom of the Future Foundation Operation Manager Jane Schlosberg:

On behalf of the Classroom of the Future Foundation's (CFF) Board of Directors, I would like to thank you for your interest in the Innovation Awards. I am pleased to announce that your nomination **Sci Phy Program** is being recognized as an **Inspire Award honorable mention** at the 2021 Innovation in Education Awards.

All of the nomination applications were reviewed by a panel of judges who deliberated on the merits of all of the programs and how well they responded to the award criteria questions. CFF encourages you to continue these efforts to improve teaching and learning. Only through innovations like yours will education meet the many challenges it faces.

Please join us at the 18th Annual Innovation in Education Awards program now scheduled for September 23 at SeaWorld San Diego.

The Innovation in Education Awards highlights champions of educational innovation in the community, as well as exceptional students pursuing careers in STEM education. This event will bring together educators and business leaders to honor classrooms and individuals making a difference in education.

Again, thank you for submitting a nomination, and for all of your support. We look forward to seeing you and a guest at our event in September. A formal invitation will be sent out next month. Please see attached a SAVE THE DATE and list of all award winners who will be attending the event.

## **CDPH GRADUATION UPDATES K-12 AND INSTITUTES OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

K-12 Graduation updates have been shared by the California Department of Public Health (CDHP) as of March 30th. The following information was taken from the attached presentation that was provided by CDHP.

All commencement ceremonies shall:

- Adhere to attendance limitations as defined within the current CDPH Outdoor Seated Live Events and Performances Guidance.
- Outdoor, in-person ceremonies are permissible, consistent with this guidance.
- All attendees, including school staff, performers, students and families are counted toward any occupancy capacity limit.
- If multiple ceremonies are planned for a single day, schools must allow for at least two hours between ceremonies to prevent mixing across attendees.
- Audience seating must be fixed or marked, with readily identifiable signs to indicate by section, row, and seat.

As we continue to make improvements as a county on our tiered status, these limitations will be likely amended to meet the criteria of the current situation.

# **HUMAN RESOURCES**

### **CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR**

The 2021 Classified Employee of the Year selected by the classified committee is Adriana Garcia, Outreach Consultant at La Mirada. Ms. Garcia has been with SYSD for 24 years beginning her career with the district as an Instructional Aide and becoming an Outreach Consultant in 2015. She is recognized as a dedicated, punctual and innovative employee who contributes to the SYSD community. Thank you Ms. Adriana Garcia for all that you do!



#### **TEACHER OF THE YEAR**

The 2022 Teacher of the Year selected by the Teacher of the Year committee is Jaime Abarca, Social Science Teacher at Vista Del Mar. Mr. Abarca has been with SYSD for 23 years serving multiple school sites throughout his career. He is recognized as a dedicated and engaging middle school teacher. Thank you Mr. Abarca for all that you do!



# **BUSINESS SERVICES**

### 2019-20 ANNUAL AUDIT

The district is extremely excited to report that the 2019-2020 Annual Audit report identified no audit findings. The audit will be presented to the Board this Thursday, April 15, 2021 by our external auditors, Wilkinson, Hadley, King and Co.

#### BOND SALE UPDATE AND TIMELINE - REFUNDING 2012 COPS AND CFD #3

The district's bond underwriters, Stifel, Nicolaus and Company held a successful bond sale on Thursday, April 8, 2021. This bond sale will allow the district to refund the 2012 Certificates of Participation (COPS) which will generate approximately \$5.7 million in savings to the district which may be used on facility related construction projects in the future.

# **NEWS & COMMUNITY RELATIONS**

### CALIFORNIA COLLABORATIVE FOR EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE (CCEE) - FIVE RESOURCES TO SUPPORT FAMILIES/COMMUNITY MEMBERS WITH TRANSITIONING BACK TO IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION

Critical Practices for Anti-bias Education for Family and Community Engagement Learning for Justice offers <u>best practices to support family and community engagement</u>, specifically around the topics of culturally sensitive communication, family and community wisdom, networks for family connections, the use of local resources, and community engagement efforts.

Audience: LEA leadership, school administrators, teachers

**Present, Engaged and Supported: A Guide to Planning Transition to School** To assist educators and administrators in responding to the unique challenges presented by the Covid-19 pandemic, Attendance Works developed <u>Present, Engaged</u> <u>and Supported: A Guide to Planning Transitions to School</u>.

This guide calls for a systemic approach to supporting <u>transitions to school that is</u> <u>data-informed and restorative</u>. The guide is focused on providing deeper support for students who missed out on accessing school lessons, and on welcoming families, who are always essential partners in a child's education.

*Click <u>here</u> to review resources and district transition planning guides. Audience*: School administrators, teachers

## Covid - 19: Resources for Supporting Kids

WellnessTogether partners with schools to increase access to mental health services for students and families across California. The <u>resource center</u> offers webinars and toolkits for families and educators as they strive to maintain social and emotional wellness.

Although educators and families are preparing for the physical safety of students for when they return to school in person, here are some <u>resources to support kids mentally</u> <u>and emotionally</u> as they cope with these changes. **Audience**: Educators, families **Helping Children Cope with Changes Resulting from Covid-19**  As schools prepare to reopen, students and their families will once again have to adapt to changes in their daily lives. From new schedules to changing learning environments, transitioning back to in-person instruction can be stressful for students. The National Association of School Psychologists (NASP) has a resource to help parents talk to their children about coping with changes resulting from COVID-19 (<u>English</u>)

La Asociación Nacional de Psicólogos Escolares (NASP) tiene un recurso para ayudar a los padres a hablar con sus hijos sobre cómo hacer frente a los cambios resultantes de COVID-19. (<u>Spanish</u>).

Audience: Parents, guardians, families

#### **Tech Troubleshooting Guide for Families**

Continuing with distance learning? San Francisco Unified School District developed a graphic guide to address common home connection problems for distance learning — in six languages! This <u>tech troubleshooting guide for families</u> provides support around Zoom, microphone issues, hotspot issues, and Chromebook issues. To explore more technology resources specific for families, check out CITE's <u>Digital Divide Toolkit</u>! **Audience**: *Teachers, paraeducators, school leaders, leadership teams* 

### **CASA FAMILIAR FOOD DISTRIBUTION**

The next Food Distribution will take place on Tuesday, May 4, 2021, at the Old Kmart Parking lot located at 4330 Camino De La Plaza in San Ysidro. The event will begin at 8 am until all food has been distributed. Face coverings, social distancing and additional safety procedures were enforced.



### **MEDIA UPDATE**

- San Diego Union Tribune: City program helps with past-due rent https://enewspaper.sandiegouniontribune.com/infinity/article\_share.aspx?guid=d2a8406c-69bf-4fb7-8d2d-83 34116e6cae
- San Diego Union Tribune: Opinion: So often the pandemic has been a faceless disease. At San Ysidro Health, we saw those faces <a href="https://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/opinion/commentary/story/2021-03-19/opinion-san-ysidro-health-pandemic-on-year">https://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/opinion/commentary/story/2021-03-19/opinion-san-ysidro-health-pandemic-on-year</a>

#### **COVID COMMUNITY RESOURCES**

Free COVID-19 Testing Information

Información sobre prueba gratis para COVID-19

TK-12 Education VEBA Vaccination Appointment Website

COVID-19 Vaccination Information & Appointment Websites

https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/hhsa/progr ams/phs/community\_epidemiology/dc/2019-nCoV/testin g.html

https://www.vebavaccinates.com/site/vaccination

Websites:

https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/hhsa/progr ams/phs/community\_epidemiology/dc/2019-nCoV/vacci nes/COVID-19-VaxEvents.html

https://sdcounty.maps.arcgis.com/apps/Nearby/index.ht ml?appid=7369c2080ccf447ab91610ae69d84c43&dista nce=10&find=103%2520Campus%2520View%252C%2 520San%2520Marcos%252C%252092078

Please click on the links below to access various vaccination appointment information:

**County Managed Locations: MyTurn** 

Rady Children's Hospital: MyChart

Sharp Locations: PrepMod

UC San Diego Health Petco Park Super Station: MyChart

County Fire Locations: PrepMod

#### Vaccine Eligible High-Risk Medical Conditions and Disabilities

Condiciones Médicas de Alto Riesgo y Discapacidades Elegibles para la vacuna

#### **English and Spanish Flyer:**

https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/dam/sdc/hhsa/ programs/phs/Epidemiology/covid19/vaccines/Phase% 201B%20Next%20Groups\_Who%20is%20Eligible\_Med ical\_Conditions.pdf

#### **Project SAVE:**

Source: County News Center "The County is reserving a portion of available COVID-19 vaccination appointments each day for a pilot project that aims to equitably distribute the novel coronavirus vaccine.

Project SAVE (Scheduling Assistance for Vaccine Equity) sets aside appointments for people who are in the currently eligible groups and at high risk for complications from COVID-19.

The reserved appointments will be filled through outreach by community health workers or promotoras who are contacting people 65 and older at locations that include grocery stores, faith centers, food distribution sites and housing complexes in the South Bay."

#### Vaccinate All 58

https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/hhsa/progr ams/phs/community\_epidemiology/dc/2019-nCoV/vacci nes/phases.html

#### Website:

• English <a href="https://covid19.ca.gov/vaccines/">https://covid19.ca.gov/vaccines/</a>

Spanish https://covid19.ca.gov/es/vaccines/

Guidance for when you've been fully vaccinated

FREE MTS AND NCTD RIDE TO VACCINATION APPOINTMENT

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/ful ly-vaccinated.html

MTS & NCTD are offering free rides for everyone in the region who needs a lift to their vaccine appointment. Ride any bus, trolley, SPRINTER or COASTER for FREE with proof of vaccine appointment.

MTS has created a <u>transit trip planner</u> with vaccine sites to help residents get to their appointments.

For more information, visit the MTS webpage.

County of San Diego: COVID-19 Emergency Assistance Rental Program/Condado de San Diego: Programa de Assistencia de Renta de Emergencia 2021

#### Website:

https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/sdhcd/com munity-development/COVID-19-Emergency-Rental-Assi stance-Program.html#:~:text=The%20County's%20202 1%20Emergency%20Rental,by%20the%20COVID%2D 19%20pandemic.&text=Residents%20of%20the%20citi es%20of,rental%20assistance%20in%20their%20area

#### **English:**

https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/dam/sdc/sdhc d/new-docs/Flyer-ERAP-2021-English.pdf

#### Spanish Flyer:

https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/dam/sdc/sdhc d/new-docs/Flyer-ERAP-2021-Spanish.pdf

County of San Diego: Temporary Lodging Progra

**Condado de San Diego:** Programa de Alojamiento Temporal

#### English and Spanish Flyer:

https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/dam/sdc/hhsa/ programs/phs/Epidemiology/2020.09.29 FINAL%20(Up ted)-Temporary%20Lodging%20Flyer.pdf

#### San Diego Hunger Coalition: Food Assistance Resources - Fall 2020

#### **English Flyer:**

https://static1.squarespace.com/static/55130907e4b018 f9300f3e63/t/5fcecb4801eaf4591e16de83/1607388149 116/General+food+assistance+Winter+2020+English.p df

Recursos de asistencia alimentaria - otoño 2020	Spanish Flyer: https://static1.squarespace.com/static/55130907e4b018 f9300f3e63/t/5fc82919d32d012678ef291e/1606953243 601/General+food+assistance+Winter+2020+Espanol.p df
Child Abuse Hotline	For more information, or to report suspected child abuse, call 858-560-2191.
Línea Directa Para la Prevención de Abuso Infantil	Within the State of California you may call toll free 1(800) 344-6000. Please click on the link to access the County of San Diego Health & Human Services Agency Child Abuse Hotline website: <u>https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/ hhsa/programs/cs/child_welfare_services/child_abuse_ hotline.html</u>
Suicide Hotline	"The Lifeline provides 24/7, free and confidential support for people in distress,
Línea Directa Para la Prevención del Suicidio	prevention and crisis resources for you or your loved ones, and best practices for professionals." The phone number is 1(800) 273-8255.
	Please click on the link to access the website: https://suicidepreventionlifeline.org/

### FEMA COVID-19 Funeral Assistance

https://www.fema.gov/disasters/coronavirus/economic/f uneral-assistance

Enrollment in Healthcare Coverage (Medicaid or CHIP) through May 15

https://www.healthcare.gov/