



## District Highlights

Superintendent - Gina A. Potter, Ed.D.  
Week of May 22, 2020

### **SUPERINTENDENT**

#### **HAPPY CLASSIFIED/CONFIDENTIAL WEEK!**

This week we celebrated “Classified/Confidential Appreciation Week.” A resolution was passed unanimously in April by our Governing Board designating the week of May 17th - 23rd as “Classified/Confidential Appreciation Week.” On Monday, the Governing Board sent a video message to all our classified/confidential staff thanking them for all they do for our kids, families and community.

Please click on the link to watch the YouTube Video Message from the Board and Superintendent thanking Classified/Confidential Employees for Appreciation Week:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=43fA6nVngiw&feature=youtu.be>

#### **VIDEO: STORY TIME WITH BOARD MEMBERS/HORA DEL CUENTO CON MIEMBROS DE LA MESA DIRECTIVA**

Over the next few weeks our board members will each take a turn reading a book for our kids & families.

Today we have Mrs. Irene Lopez reading “Fox in Socks” by Dr. Seuss.

Hora del cuento con miembros de la mesa directiva.

Durante las próximas semanas nuestros miembros de la mesa directiva cada uno tomará un turno para leer un libro para niños y nuestras familias.

Hoy presentamos al señora Irene Lopez leyendo “Fox in Socks” de Dr. Seuss.

Please click on the YouTube link to watch Reading Time with Board Members - Irene Lopez, Board Member - San Ysidro School District

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E1LKoh6EXAA&feature=youtu.be>

## **FLAGS AT HALF-STAFF - MAY 22, 2020**

Flags were placed at half-staff until sunset, May 24 to honor the victims of the Coronavirus pandemic. Please see Presidential Proclamation below:

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/proclamation-honoring-victims-novel-coronavirus-pandemic/>

## **COVID-19 UPDATES & RESOURCES**

CABSO - CDC Releases Guidelines for Reopening (dated 5-20-20)

<https://www.casbo.org/content/cdc-release-guidelines-reopening>

San Ysidro Chamber of Commerce - Restricted travel at border remains until June 22

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1nGbfvxtaMC6yZO5UB1KCd2P7jectfc-v/view?usp=sharing>

SDCOE - Daily News Updates - 5-22-20

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1dhZyoxJkDjUeNz8kGFqc8pcaMiSGKXc8/view?usp=sharing>

State Superintendent Tony Thurmond and Digital Divide Task Force Work Toward Solutions to Inequitable Internet Access for Students

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/10U3ycDCzRA6-C-2FzF\\_FFIN-IGen\\_QPL/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/10U3ycDCzRA6-C-2FzF_FFIN-IGen_QPL/view?usp=sharing)

CDE Weekly COVID-19 Update

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1KbBlh5lydLaNHPpwTjHp7bi0HLArRg4a/view?usp=sharing>

## **DISTANCE LEARNING AND NEW SCHOOL YEAR FAMILY SURVEY**

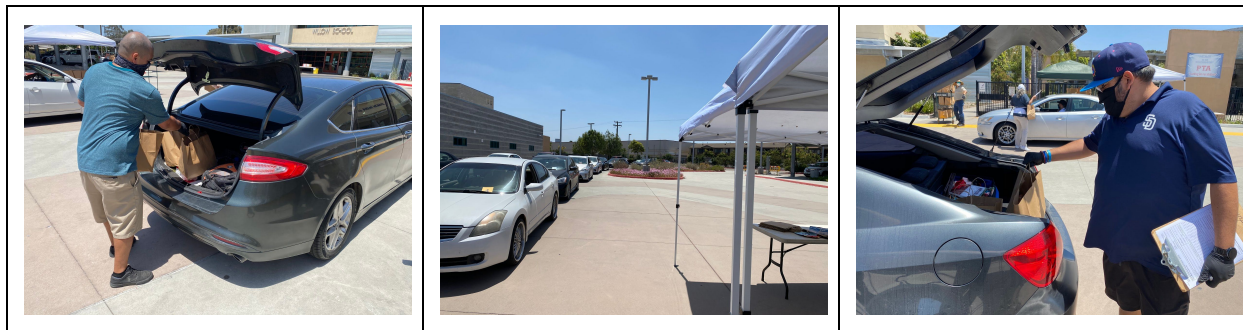
This week the district released the following distance learning and new school year survey to our families. Survey results will be shared with Board Members and the management team when it closes.

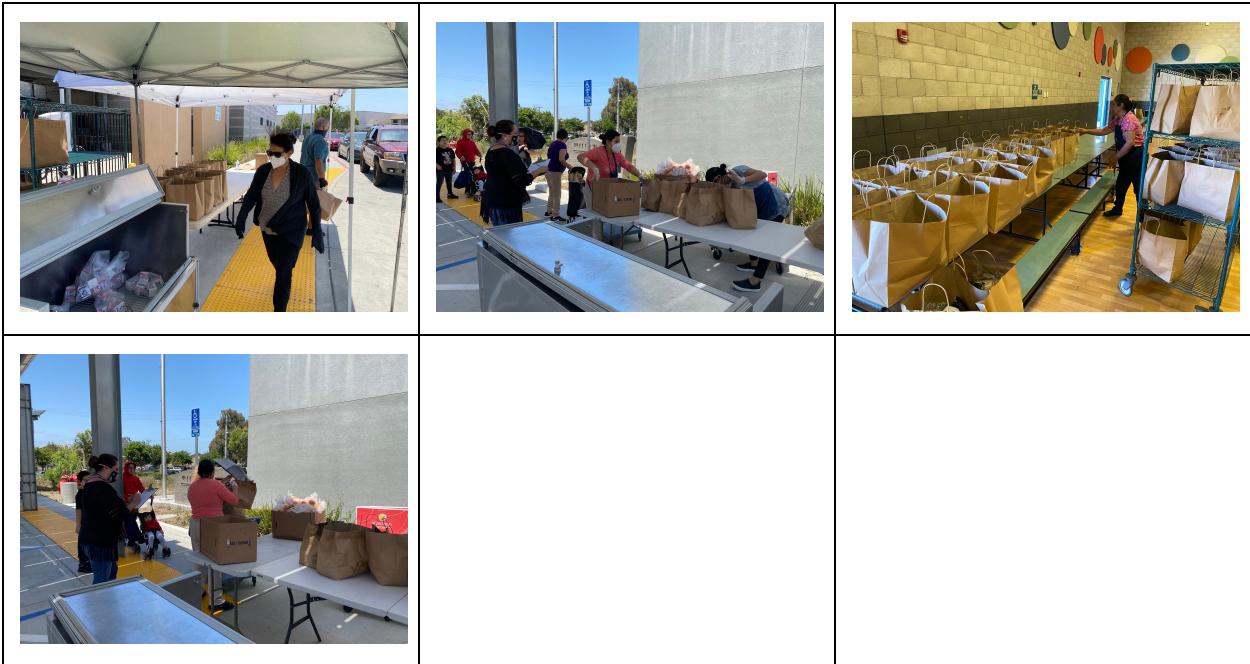
Please click on the link to view the survey questions:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1wM-8MXXo7Isx1JhvJGsnFwz4exyfmMXR/view?usp=sharing>

## **FREE MEAL PROGRAM AT WILLOW ELEMENTARY**

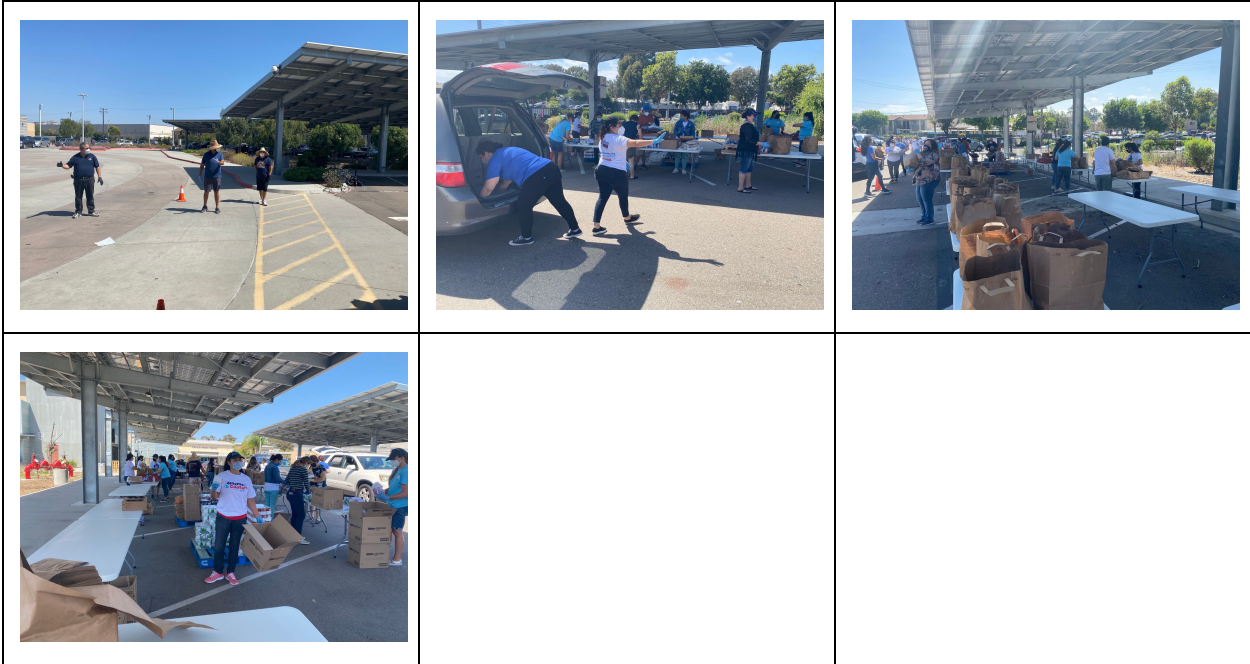
On Friday, May 22nd meals were given for each child, 1 to 18 years old at Willow Elementary School. The meals included breakfast and lunch for multiple days. Children were not required to be present to pick up their meals. Meals were served in a “Grab and Go” style. Thank you to all the volunteers, including Board Member Rudy Lopez, Principal Manuel Bojorquez, CNS Director Evelyn Zarzosa and her staff, the District Maintenance Crew and the many other school and district staff who helped feed our children.





**FOOD PANTRY @ WILLOW ELEMENTARY**

Through our partnership with Feeding San Diego, the district was able to provide 2 bags of groceries each to 240 of our families on Friday, May 22nd at Willow Elementary. The food bags were distributed in less than an hour! A big “Thank You” to our community partners; Casa Familiar, Lisa Cuestas and her team for volunteering and handing out grocery bags. Board Member Rudy Lopez, Principal Manuel Bojorquez, the district maintenance crew and other members of our District and school staff who provided much needed help. Rodrigo Amezcuita, Outreach Consultant at Sunset Elementary, worked with Omar Calleros, Coordinator Full Service Community Schools, to reestablish our relationship with Feeding San Diego for the Willow Food Pantry. In addition to helping distribute the groceries, Mr. Amezcuita also donated the canopies and tables for the event.



## SUNSET FOOD PANTRY

Through our partnership with Feeding San Diego, the district was able to provide 2 bags of groceries each to 400 of our families on Tuesday, May 19th at Sunset Elementary. The food bags were distributed in less than an hour! A big “Thank You” to our community partners; Casa Familiar, Lisa Cuestas and her team and Church 180 for volunteering and handing out grocery bags. Board Vice President Antonio Martinez, Principal Efrain Burciaga, and other members of our District staff who 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 Pantry. In addition to helping distribute the groceries, Mr. Amezquita also donated the canopies and tables for the event.



## DISTRICT MANAGEMENT TEAM MEMBER CONTACT INFORMATION

Our school, department and district administrators are here to help support students, families and staff. If you need help or have a question please contact either your child's teacher, your immediate supervisor, call the school/department office and leave a voice message for a return call within 24 business hours, or a school/department administrator by email or work phone. Contact information for our dedicated

administrative team is below and they are committed to working to try to respond to your voice message or email within 24 hours on business days.



## Districtwide Administrator Directory

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**SPECIAL VIRTUAL ZOOM BOARD MEETING - GOVERNOR'S MAY REVISE BUDGET OVERVIEW & IMPACT TO THE DISTRICT'S BUDGET: Fri., May 29th @ 5pm - Virtual Zoom Board Meeting**

Please save the date of Friday, May 29th at 5:00pm for a Special Board Budget Workshop Meeting via Zoom.

**SPECIAL VIRTUAL ZOOM BOARD MEETING: Thurs., June 18th @ 3pm - Change of Location - Virtual Zoom Board Meeting**

Please save the date of Thursday, June 18th from 3-5pm for a Special Board Meeting via Zoom.

**REGULAR VIRTUAL ZOOM BOARD MEETING: Thurs., June 18th @ 5pm - Change of Location - Virtual Zoom Board Meeting**

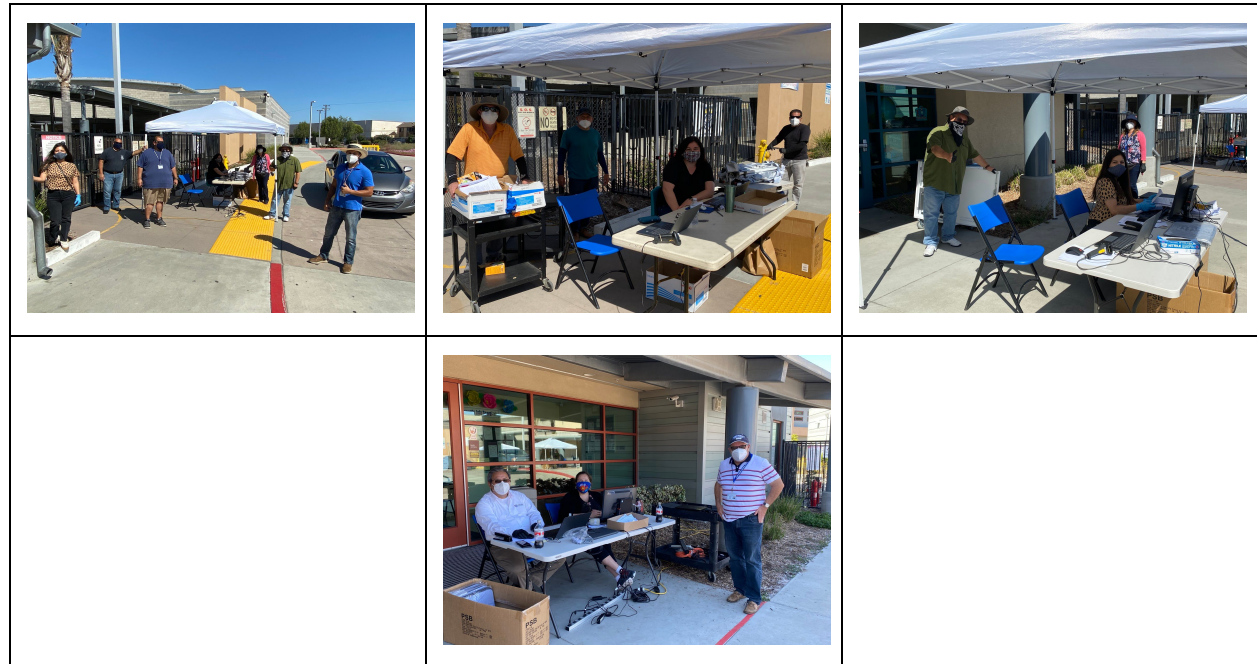
On Thursday, June 18th beginning at 5:00 p.m. there will be a Regular Board Meeting. This governing board meeting will be held virtually in order to adhere to the social distancing regulations embedded within Governor Gavin Newsom's Stay-At-Home Executive Order which is in response to the coronavirus pandemic.

The email for public comment is: [publiccomment@sysdschools.org](mailto:publiccomment@sysdschools.org) . Board agendas will indicate the need for the public to submit their public comment via email at [publiccomment@sysdschools.org](mailto: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

### CHROMEBOOK DISTRIBUTION

This week, on Thursday, May 21st, the district distributed Chromebooks to 3rd grade students. This will be the last Chromebook Distribution for this school year, as we are gearing up to close the year. However, we wanted to note that we offered Chromebooks to all of our 3rd-8th grade students, as well as all of our Mc-Kinney students, foster students, and students who receive Special Education services in all grade levels. This program has helped ensure that the vast majority of our students gain access to the digital learning platforms offered as part of Distance Learning.



### VIRTUAL PROMOTION CEREMONIES & 8th GRADE CAR PARADES/DRIVE UP:

Due to school closures and having to follow social distancing mandates, the district is working to produce quality virtual promotion ceremonies for grades 6th and 8th. San Ysidro Middle School and Vista Del Mar Middle will also have a car parade through the fronts of their schools to celebrate the promotion of our 8th grade students.

Additionally, our Principals and Preschool Director are working with their teachers to have virtual events for all Preschool and Kindergarten classrooms.

Please stay posted to hear from your child's school principal and/or teacher for detailed information about these promotion events.

## **ONLINE REGISTRATION**

Registration for the 2020-21 launched via a contactless process on May 15th. **Please complete your child's online registration by Friday, May 29th.** This year preschool students are also enrolling via the online registration process. In order to support families with this new process, we have implemented a system of support, please see the support document by clicking [HERE](#) or by clicking the link:

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1H-fLs-LX9ZHbMBDCR\\_xsRv5\\_I5HF9GshH33HIIADFd8/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1H-fLs-LX9ZHbMBDCR_xsRv5_I5HF9GshH33HIIADFd8/edit?usp=sharing)

We have ongoing online registration phone support available for parents at all school sites, the CDC, and the District Office. We are working with Casa Familiar to provide [Registration Assistance](#) for our parents at 3 locations throughout the community from May 26th-May 29th from 1-5pm. Please click the link for more details:

[https://drive.google.com/open?id=1Oq\\_UqX6Yj-fO1alb49jSX4c6bp7g9c6U](https://drive.google.com/open?id=1Oq_UqX6Yj-fO1alb49jSX4c6bp7g9c6U)

## **REOPENING SCHOOLS TASK FORCE**

In preparation for the 2020-2021 school year, we have launched a reopening schools task force to develop the guiding principles for reopening with a focus on creating a safe and healthy environment for students, staff and families, accelerating learning, providing social-emotional support, and increased family engagement. The task force has specific sub-committees whose work will focus on the various aspects of reopening, these sub-committees include: facilities/transportation, school logistics, instruction, community & parent engagement, and child nutrition.

## **EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR: Summer School for Special Education**

This year the Special Education Department has planned their extended school year program for TK-8th grade students from [June 8th to June 25th](#). Due to current state and county health and safety guidelines, this program will be offered through a distance learning model. The program will be thematic and focus on the solar system. Parents notifications were sent to parents on May 13th and parents have until May 28th to request placement in the program through their child's teacher.

## **SCI PHY DISTANCE LEARNING PROGRAM**

Our elementary students are having fun with science and physical education at home. Please take a moment to watch the sci-phy distance learning program final project, "Save the Tiger Zully" that was submitted by Zully Alvarez, OVHS, Grade 3:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1QSjJqzdBUeDsj6fkhQp0VMzHz9G1IWkj/view>

## **CHROMEBOOK SUMMER READING PROGRAM**

We have launched a Chromebook Summer Reading Program to encourage students to read all summer long using our online Renaissance Software. This program will enable students to read books digitally and take quizzes online. Students who register online for next year and agree to take part in the reading challenge will be able to keep their district issued chromebook during the summer.



Keep your Chromebook through the summer by completing STEP 1 & STEP 2:

**Step 1:**

**Complete Online Registration via District Website**

Our online registration system is through **Parent Vue**, click [HERE](#).

Parents/guardians have an established user account and password. Please log in, follow the instructions, update any information that has changed, upload the required documents, and then SUBMIT your application. All students should be linked in ONE family application.

If you need to **reset your password**, please click [HERE](#) to request a password reset.

For detailed instructions, a list of required documents, and contact information for support please click [HERE](#) for the registration informational page.

**Step 2:**

**CHROMEBOOKS @ Home Summer Reading Challenge**

Sign-Up by Clicking [HERE](#), completing the agreement, and submitting the document via email to [registration@sysdschools.org](mailto:registration@sysdschools.org).

Then use your CHROMEBOOK all summer, by agreeing to read 7 books and take 7 quizzes over the course of the summer.

Way to Go San Ysidro Students & Families!

We cannot wait to see you next school year and hear all about the books you read during the summer.



**SURVEY: DISTANCE LEARNING & NEW SCHOOL YEAR/ ENCUESTA: APRENDIZAJE A DISTANCIA Y NUEVO CICLO ESCOLAR | Survey sent to parents on 5-20-20**

Dear Parents,

Please take a few minutes to complete this very important survey on distance learning and the new school year.

Thank you.

Survey Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LZ5W9RY>

Survey will close on Friday, May 29, 2020 at 10:00 pm.

Estimados padres,

Por favor tómense unos minutos para completar esta importante encuesta sobre el aprendizaje a distancia y el nuevo ciclo escolar.

Gracias.

Enlace de encuesta: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LZ5W9RY> La encuesta cerrará el viernes 29 de mayo de 2020 a las 10:00 pm.



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12 de mayo del 2020

## Distance Learning Parent Support

### *Apoyo Para Padres Con El Aprendizaje A Distancia*

#### Helpline

- **Technical Troubleshooting Support (8am-5pm)**
  - Dell Moreno
  - Phone #(619) 454-0897
  - Email: [delbert.moreno@sysdschools.org](mailto:delbert.moreno@sysdschools.org)
- **Google Troubleshooting and Support (8am-3:15pm)**
  - Elva De Baca: [elva.debaca@sysdschools.org](mailto:elva.debaca@sysdschools.org)
  - Adriana Aguilar: [adriana.aguilar@sysdschools.org](mailto:adriana.aguilar@sysdschools.org)
  - Luis Ramos: [luis.ramos@sysdschools.org](mailto:luis.ramos@sysdschools.org)

#### Línea de ayuda

- **Apoyo con problemas técnicos (8am-5pm)**
  - Dell Moreno
  - Teléfono # (619) 454-0897
  - Email: [delbert.moreno@sysdschools.org](mailto:delbert.moreno@sysdschools.org)
- **Apoyo y ayuda para resolver problemas con Google (8am-3:15pm)**
  - Elva De Baca: [elva.debaca@sysdschools.org](mailto:elva.debaca@sysdschools.org)
  - Adriana Aguilar: [adriana.aguilar@sysdschools.org](mailto:adriana.aguilar@sysdschools.org)
  - Luis Ramos: [luis.ramos@sysdschools.org](mailto:luis.ramos@sysdschools.org)

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Contact Us



## HUMAN RESOURCES

### STAFF APPRECIATION WEEKS

Classified/Confidential School Employee Week is Sunday, May 17 through Saturday, May 23. During this time, it is more important than ever to show our appreciation for the work our staff do every day to support our students.

### 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR START DATE

Our district has virtually met with leaders from all of the south county school districts to determine a school start date for the new 2020-2021 school year. Prior to school closures south county school districts had established a start date of July 20th, however the coronavirus pandemic requires school districts to establish and implement a detailed reopening of schools plan prior to reopening. Therefore, all south county school districts are working to move the start date of the new school year to either August or September.

At this time our district is exploring the school start dates of either August 10th or August 17th. Once our district finalizes the school start date we will notify all families and staff.

## BUSINESS SERVICES

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

Next week our district will begin serving free breakfast & lunch at two school locations: La Mirada Elementary and Willow Elementary. A full week's worth of breakfast and lunch meals will be served. The schedule will be as follows:

**Location:** La Mirada Elementary  
**Date:** Wednesdays, April 8<sup>th</sup> - June 24th  
**Time:** 11:30 am to 1:00 pm or until meals run out

**Location:** Willow Elementary School  
**Date:** Friday, May 8th (Day of week to change next week)  
**Time:** 11:30 am to 1:00 pm or until meals run out

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 the Remainder of the School Year - Email sent to parents on 4-13-20

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1X6sJkoV2hMelly-d\\_312kfCR0Wn6QnLy/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1X6sJkoV2hMelly-d_312kfCR0Wn6QnLy/view?usp=sharing)

This week we served 1,200 students at La Mirada and 1,200 students at Willow. Each student received 5 breakfast meals and 5 lunch meals.

Total meals served this week = 24,000. To date, we have served 126,832.

## **LEGITIMATE AND EFFECTIVE SCHOOL BONDS COURSE**

(Online May 11-June 5, 2020)

We have district representatives from the Governing Board, Bond Oversight Committee and business team that are participating in this school bonds course provided by the San Diego Taxpayers Educational Foundation.

This course is designed for school board members, bond oversight committee members, and civically-minded citizens who are interested in cost-effective, transparent, legally-compliant, and most notably, successful school bonds.

Attendees: Ricardo Macedo, Gloria McKearney, Leticia Gomez, Kenneth Johnson, Manuel Lopez, Jr., Holden Robbins, Hilario Rodriguez, Amber Elliott, Board President Humberto Gurmilan and Board Clerk Rudy Lopez

## **2020-2021 SPECIAL BOARD MEETING BUDGET PRESENTATION**

The district will host a **budget presentation** during a special board meeting that will include an overview of the state's May Revise Budget and its impact on our district budget on **Friday, May 29th at 5:00 p.m.** during a virtual Governing Board Special Meeting.

The coronavirus induced recession catapulted our nation, the state and education into an unprecedented economic downturn. The devastating budget reductions to education recently projected by the Department of Finance and in the state's May Revise Budget are the largest cuts to education over a two year period of time that California has experienced in decades.

## **DISTRICT BUDGET SURVEY**

The district will conduct a budget survey to gather the thoughts from our SYSD community. This survey will be released for all families and staff to participate in beginning Tuesday, May 26th.

# **NEWS & COMMUNITY RELATIONS**

## **MEDIA UPDATE**

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

- Washington Post: CDC offers brief checklists to guide businesses, schools and others on reopening
  - [https://www.washingtonpost.com/health/cdc-offers-brief-checklists-to-guide-businesses-schools-and-others-on-reopening/2020/05/14/3b46c29c-9615-11ea-91d7-cf4423d47683\\_story.html?outputType=amp](https://www.washingtonpost.com/health/cdc-offers-brief-checklists-to-guide-businesses-schools-and-others-on-reopening/2020/05/14/3b46c29c-9615-11ea-91d7-cf4423d47683_story.html?outputType=amp)
- Cal Matters: Schools face prospect of layoffs, furloughs as state budget shrinks
  - <https://calmatters.org/education/2020/05/school-district-budget-cuts-california-k-12/>
- Union Tribune: State Sen. Hueso introduces bill to address California's digital divide

- [https://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/communities/south-county/story/2020-05-21/state-sen-hueso-introduces-bill-to-address-californias-digital-divide?\\_amp=true](https://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/communities/south-county/story/2020-05-21/state-sen-hueso-introduces-bill-to-address-californias-digital-divide?_amp=true)
- USA Today: Fact check: CDC's guidelines for reopening schools are recommendations, not rules
  - <https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/factcheck/2020/05/22/fact-check-cdc-issues-guidelines-not-rules-reopening-schools/5242249002/>