



# **District Highlights**

Superintendent - Gina A. Potter, Ed.D. Week of May 29, 2020

## SUPERINTENDENT

LAST WEEK OF SCHOOL & PRESCHOOL, K, 6TH & 8TH PROMOTION CEREMONIES: June 1st - 4th



Our district congratulates all of our students, families and staff for making it to our last week of school despite the remarkable challenges brought upon us by the coronavirus pandemic. **The last day of school for our students is Thursday, June 4th**.

We are proud to share that our teachers, administrators and staff have worked hard to celebrate our preschool, kindergarten, 6th grade and 8th grade students by having special virtual and/or car parade promotion ceremonies! **Please adhere to the county health department's social distancing health and safety guidelines for all end of year school events:** 1) wear face masks; 2) stay 6 feet apart; 3) families stay in cars during car parades. Here are the County of San Diego Protocols for School Graduations:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1gIOVPFhjaHrYH0uaIBSQOa6EsPB6DQiF/view?usp=sharing

Here is the **district master schedule for the 43 promotion ceremony events** that are scheduled to happen at each school beginning Monday, June 1st through Thursday, June 5th:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Xd07runcvW2sebMTQNYp1QTrfjhABOQtyr2UmUTF4\_Q/edit?usp=sharing

#### 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 Mr. Antonio Martinez reading "The Lorax" 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 señor Antonio Martinez leyendo "The Lorax" 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=3nls9r1\_6rA

#### FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL 2020-2021: Mid-August

The district has been working collaboratively with our neighboring south county school districts and staff leadership to determine the first day of school for the new school year. Based on the family survey data received over 80% of our families prefer school begins mid-August rather than the original start date of July 20th. At this time our district is considering a start date of either **Monday**, **August 10th or Monday**, **August 17th**. The district will notify families and staff about the start date of school as soon as it is finalized.

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

State Superintendent Tony Thurmond Renews Call for New Investments as Technology Needs Still Unmet for Many California Students and Schools Look to Reopen https://www.cde.ca.gov/nr/ne/yr20/yr20rel39.asp

ACSA School Reopening Planning Group Final Report Published https://drive.google.com/file/d/11\_wKaFXT4zRHuECBoq4EjBZv97BmhrDw/view?usp=sharing

#### FREE MEAL PROGRAM AT WILLOW ELEMENTARY

On Friday, May 29th meals were provided for each child, 1 to 18 years old at Willow Elementary School. The meals included breakfast and lunch for multiple days. Over 1000 meals were distributed in less than an hour. 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 Principal Manuel Bojorquez, CNS staff, the District Maintenance Crew and the many other school and district staff who helped feed our children.



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

Please save the date of Friday, June 5th starting 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: <u>publiccomment@sysdschools.org</u>. Board agendas will indicate the need for the public to submit their public comment via email at <u>publiccomment@sysdschools.org</u>. 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

#### **ONLINE REGISTRATION** - Registration Open Now for 2020-2021 School Year

Registration for the 2020-21 continues via a contactless process. This year preschool students are also enrolling via the online registration process. Here is the link to the district's website to register your child for school next year: <u>https://www.sysdschools.org/Page/1057</u>

A special thanks goes out to the 2,670 families that completed their online registration by last Friday, May 29th. All **families are encouraged to register as soon as possible** so our district is able to enroll students and properly staff for the new school year.

In order to support families with the registration process, the district has implemented a system of support, please see the support document by clicking <u>HERE</u> or by clicking the link below:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1H-fLs-LX9ZHbMBDCR\_xsRv5\_I5HF9GshH33HIIADFd8/edit?usp=s haring

#### SUMMER READING PROGRAM: ALL STUDENTS!

We have launched a Summer Reading Challenge to encourage our families to register for the 2020-21 school year and to read all summer long using our online Renaissance Software to read books digitally and take quizzes online. Any students who register online for next year and agree to take part in the challenge will be able to keep their district issued chromebook for the summer. <u>ALL</u> students are invited and encouraged to participate!!



#### **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 business/child nutrition.

The Reopening of Schools Task Force will meet throughout the summer to ensure the safe opening of our schools in a blended learning model (some days at school and some days in distance learning each week) with the understanding that the health department could require sporadic periods of distance learning depending upon health data from day to day.

### DISTANCE LEARNING PARENT SUPPORT/APOYO PARA PADRES CON EL APRENDIZAJE A DISTANCIA | Email sent to parents on 5-12-20



#### **END OF YEAR REPORT CARDS**

The week of June 1st students and families will be receiving the 2019-20 school year report cards. Due to school closures, report cards will be mailed for most students. Students who will be promoted, such as Kinder, 6th, and 8th grade will receive the report cards as part of the promotion student bag as families drive-by the schools to collect them. Report cards that are not picked up will be mailed to the parents.

#### 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 video of the week: <u>https://drive.google.com/file/d/1cUuU-D5LS0gTyBH1zz9tt-7kikMgGIHN/view?usp=sharing</u>

#### **EX-CHARGER JASON PERRY DONATES BIKES TO SYSD**

Jason Perry, former safety for the San Diego Chargers, and the Manuben Bhakta Foundation donated 10 motocross bicycles along with 10 helmets to the San Ysidro School District. The bikes were given to 10 deserving 6th graders who were chosen by their school principals for high academic achievement. Two students were chosen from La Mirada, Ocean View Hills, Sunset, Smythe and Willow. A big thank you to Veronica Medina and Rodrigo Amezquita for organizing and coordinating this event. Board Clerk, Rudy Lopez helped distribute the bicycles along with a goody bag of food, healthy snacks and drinks to our kids.



## HUMAN RESOURCES

#### **EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES & PRESENTATION**

As we finish the 2019-2020 school year, staff will be recognized for years of service, retirement and employees of the year. Certificates and a powerpoint slideshow with pictures and years of service will be part of the recognition. We are also planning to recognize these staff members at the upcoming June Board Meeting.

### **BUSINESS SERVICES**

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

This week our district will serve free breakfast & lunch at <u>two</u> 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, June 3 <sup>rd</sup>           |
| Time:     | 11:30 am to 1:00 pm or until meals run out |
|           |  |
| Location: | Willow Elementary                          |
| Date:     | Friday, June 5 <sup>th</sup>               |
| 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. Please wear a face covering when picking up your meals.

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

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 148,372.



# **SEAMLESS SUMMER FEEDING/MEAL PROGRAM:** Begins Wednesday, June 10<sup>th</sup> @ La Mirada Elementary ONLY

The district's summer meal program begins on Wednesday, June 10<sup>th</sup> and will run through Wednesday, June 24<sup>th</sup>. 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. Please wear a face covering when picking up your meals.

Free breakfast & lunch will be available for pickup at <u>ONE</u> school location: La Mirada Elementary. A full week's worth of breakfast and lunch meals will be distributed. The schedule will be as follows:

| Location: | La Mirada Elementary                                      |
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| Date:     | Wednesdays, June 10 <sup>th</sup> - June 24 <sup>th</sup> |
| Time:     | 11:30 am to 1:00 pm or until meals run out                |

#### 2020-2021 BUDGET PRESENTATION

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

### LEGITIMATE AND EFFECTIVE SCHOOL BONDS COURSE

(Online May 11-June 5, 2020) Instructor: Haney Hong, President & Trustee with the San Diego Taxpayers Educational Foundation

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

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. Because school bonds create a public financial obligation, officials who propose and manage such bonds have an ethical obligation to ensure their legitimacy and effective and efficient use. This course draws upon scholarly and practitioner knowledge to guide students as they answer three critical questions that organize the class:

- 1. What legitimates a need for a school bond? If legitimate, how does a school bond get to the voter for decision?
- 2. How do principles of effective public management apply specifically to school bonds?
- 3. What best practices exist to ensure school bonds are transparent so they do not lose legitimacy?

Course structure includes: Weekly video lecture from Professor Hong, Guest Speaker Dale Scott (Financial Advisor, DS&C) and Robert Keisling (Business & Engineering

Expert); Weekly discussion and response prompts; Weekly reading assignment: Dale Scott. (2013). *Win Win: An Insider's Guide to School Bonds;* Weekly writing assignment.

#### DISTRICT BUDGET SURVEY

The Budget Survey, which was sent out to parents and staff on Tuesday, May 26th, was closed today, Friday, May 29th. The top priority that emerged from the budget survey was the health and safety of our students and staff when we reopen schools in the fall.

## **NEWS & COMMUNITY RELATIONS**

# A VIDEO MESSAGE FROM THE SAN YSIDRO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Hello! We miss you! ¡Hola! ¡Te extrañamos! Video: Message from/Mensaje de parte de San Ysidro Chamber of Commerce Education Committee



Please click on the link to view the video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=me5QWXjiHd4&feature=youtu.be

### Survey: BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Hello Parents, Students, Teachers and Administrators,

We need your feedback regarding our before/after school program, ASES. We currently partner with the YMCA to offer this program. Please take a brief moment to answer the questions that pertain to you by clicking on the link and selecting your status. This survey closes on Friday, June 12th.

Survey Link: <u>https://bit.ly/qualityimpact</u>

### Pandemic EBT- Get Help For Buying Food While Schools Are Closed/Obtenga Ayuda Para Comprar Alimentos Mientras Las Escuelas Están Cerradas |

Email sent to parents on 5-27-20 https://drive.google.com/file/d/1LjTgMlfco61-TGG1PTW6CLwzqILXlpgG/view?usp=sharing