



## District Highlights

Superintendent - Gina A. Potter, Ed.D.

Week of May 8, 2020

### **SUPERINTENDENT**

#### **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. Rudy Lopez reading “The Foot Book” 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.

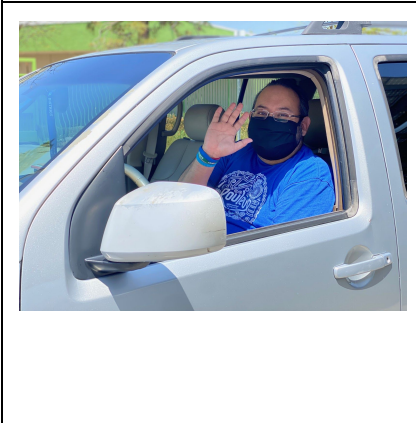
Hoy presentamos al señor Rudy Lopez leyendo “The Foot Book” del Dr. Seuss.

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

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yWDs1gqP16U>

#### **RETIREMENT CAR PARADE FOR SMYTHE TEACHER ZENAIDA ROSARIO**

On Friday, May 8th more than 50 cars filled with teachers, parents, current and past students, board members, our superintendent, principals, administrators, colleagues, friends and admirers paraded past Mrs. Rosarios’ home, to her pleasant surprise, in celebration of her upcoming retirement! She received flowers, balloons, gifts, congratulatory signs, kisses and hugs ( from afar and maintaining social distancing), waves, a crown and many, many “car horn” appreciation “honks”. After a distinguished 38 year teaching career, all at San Ysidro School District, Mrs. Rosario is ready to write a new chapter in her life. She is literally “writing a new chapter” as one of her many plans is to write a book, travel and spend time with her family. She will be missed in the classroom.

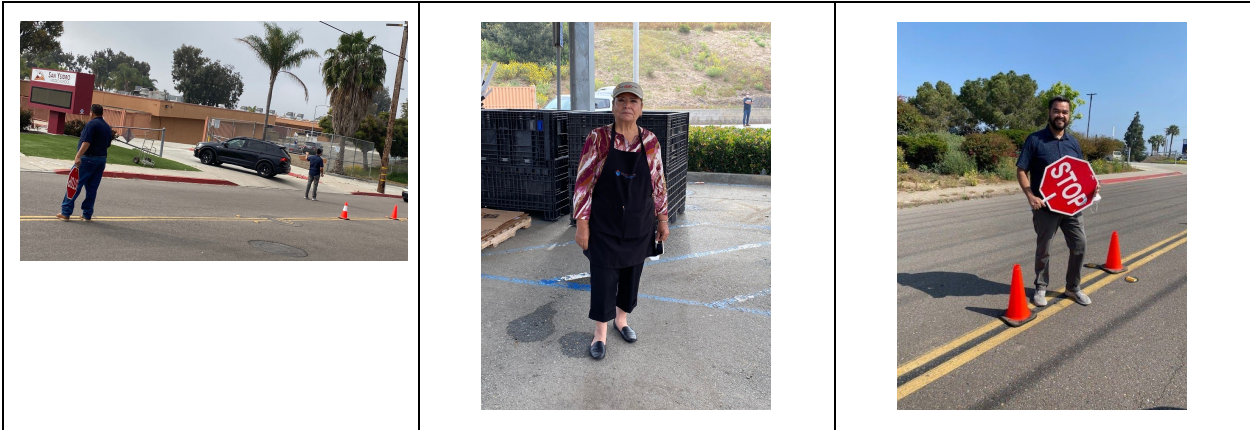


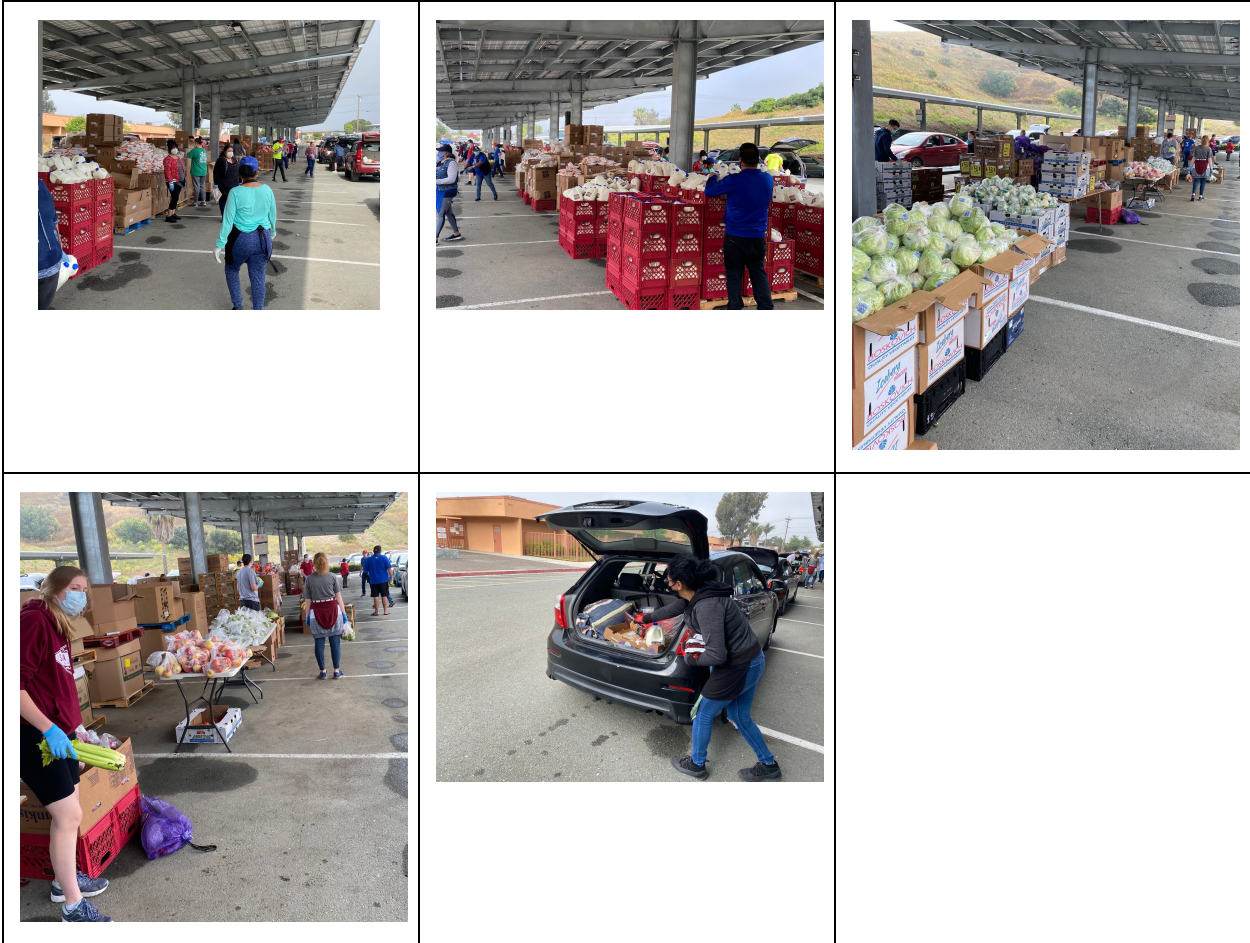


NBC 7, CBS 8, KUSI and Telemundo media representatives all came and posted news casts to help recognize our remarkable teacher, Zenaida Rosario!

**HEARTS & HANDS MEAL DISTRIBUTION AT SAN YSIDRO MIDDLE SCHOOL**

On Friday, May 8th, The San Diego Food Bank and Hearts & Hands partnered to distribute food to over 1,000 families at San Ysidro Middle School. The food items included fresh vegetables & fruits, canned vegetables and fruits, milk, bagged rice and beans and chicken and beef stew. Thank you to all the volunteers and our community partners, Hearts & Hands and San Diego Food Bank. Also a big “Thank you” to Board Members Rudy Lopez and Antonio Martinez and all our District employees who helped organize and participated in the distribution the day of the event.





**FREE MEAL PROGRAM AT WILLOW ELEMENTARY**

On Friday, May 8th, 2020, meals were given to 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. Face coverings were required to pick up meals. We served 1,000 students at Willow. This is a total of 10,000 breakfast and lunch meals.





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

SDCOE - Update: \$54.3B State Budget Shortfall (5-7-20)

- Department of Finance state fiscal information impacted by the COVID-19 induced recession

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1l4wsrBb1jjS9rTzw\\_Q94-dm0jnotr30Q/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1l4wsrBb1jjS9rTzw_Q94-dm0jnotr30Q/view?usp=sharing)

- PowerPoint Presentation - Fiscal Update - May 7, 2020

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/181o2T6jdTDA1OEcEfMht--5aXGQ7xA4c/view?usp=sharing>

County of San Diego - Order of Health Officer and Emergency Regulations ( Effective May 8, 2020)

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1yA3mtyHHL9MLlyl4CLx6CWtZFeBNApTD/view?usp=sharing>

BMC Public Health - Best Practices in Schools COVID-19

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1bt7EdjwGt2FKmDIPuraksTTiePsGaY5a/view?usp=sharing>

## **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 please contact either your child's teacher, your immediate supervisor, or a school/department administrator by email or work phone using the contact information below. Our administrative team is committed to doing our best to respond to your voice message or email within 24 hours on work days.



## Districtwide Administrator Directory

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**SPECIAL VIRTUAL ZOOM BOARD MEETING: Thurs., May 14th @ 3pm - Change of Location - Virtual Zoom Board Meeting**

Please save the date of Thursday, May 14th from 3-5pm for a Special Board Meeting via Zoom for the superintendent evaluation.

**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.

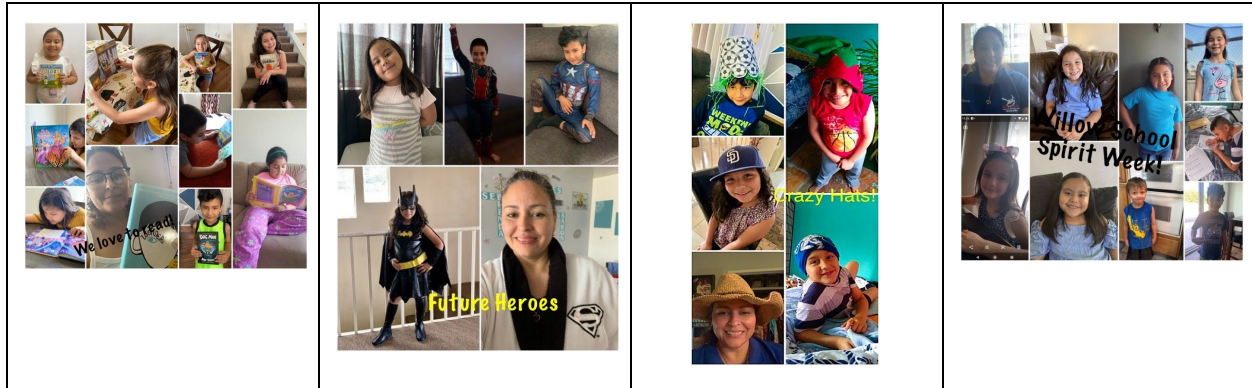
The email for public comment is: [publiccomment@sysdschools.org](mailto:publiccomment@sysdschools.org). Board agendas will indicate the need for the public to submit their public comment via email at [publiccomment@sysdschools.org](mailto:publiccomment@sysdschools.org). There will be a 300 word limit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

# SCHOOL NEWS

## WILLOW SCHOOL DISTANCE LEARNING SPIRIT WEEK

During the week of April 27th through May 1st, 2020, Willow School staff and students had some fun with distance learning. Each day they had a special event take place. Please click on the link below to see the Willow Distance Learning Spirit Week flyer.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1BGMkEM-37wdqhoybrNIIEsEQvllbnSr4/view?usp=sharing>



# EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

## CHROMEBOOK DISTRIBUTION

The district will be distributing Chromebooks to 4th Graders the week of May 11th. Good news... the 1,450 chromebooks authorized to be purchased by the Governing Board were received this week. The technology team is working to program them so the district can distribute these to students in certain elementary grades as soon as possible.

## CHROMEBOOKS DISTRIBUTED AS OF 5-1-20

School	Date	Chromebooks Distributed to Students
Vista Del Mar Middle	April 16, 2020	218
San Ysidro Middle	April 17, 2020	375
La Mirada	April 20, 2020	78
OVH	April 21, 2020	141
Smythe	April 22, 2020	72
Sunset	April 23, 2020	125
McKenney Vento / MakeUps	May 1, 2020	243
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>1,252</b>



**VIRTUAL PROMOTION CEREMONIES: Grades 6th & 8th**

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. Principals will release dates and times of these ceremonies to families and staff.

Preschool and kindergarten teachers are also planning special events for their students. Please stay posted for more information.

**ONLINE REGISTRATION**

Registration for the 2020-21 school year was launched on May 11th. This year we are including preschool in our online registration process. Additionally, we are working with South Bay Community Services to provide registration assistance for our parents at 3 locations throughout the community.

Please see the parent letter mailed home to all families below detailing our district's online registration process and start date.



GOVERNING BOARD

Humberto Gurmílan, President  
Antonio Martínez, Vice-President

Rudy Lopez, Clerk  
Irene Lopez, Member  
Rosaleah Pallasigue, Member

Quality education and opportunity for all students to succeed

**Manuela Colom**  
Executive Director

May 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians:

We would like to welcome you to the 2020-2021 online registration period. We will open the online registration system on May 15<sup>th</sup> for the 2020-2021 school year. This year, the online registration process will be for all students from Preschool – Grade 8. The process for enrollment will vary for current San Ysidro School District families and families that are enrolling students for the first time in the district.

To complete online registration, you will need to go to the district website, Online Registration Page: <https://www.sysdschools.org/domain/740>. From this page you will find step by step instructions to follow for online enrollment, you will also find contact information by school site if you need support with an activation code or log-in information for registration. We have included help documents with this letter to support you as you prepare to register your child/children for the 2020-2021 school year.

**Prompt** enrollment of your child/children is important for the planning of the upcoming school year. As soon as you register and submit your verification documents, we will be able to plan for student placement at our school sites. We make every effort to enroll students at their school of residence first, however, please keep in mind that after June 15<sup>th</sup>, we will begin the process of approving student transfer requests, and will approve placement at school sites based on the enrollment numbers.

This year due to the world health pandemic and to maintain safety and health guidelines outlined by the county and state we are required to practice social distancing guidelines. With that in mind we have created a virtual process for registration and the submission of forms required to complete enrollment. You will be able to complete the entire process online and upload all required documents through our online registration system. If you do not have access at home to complete online registration, we will have some community registration events available, please see the enclosed flyer with more detailed information.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we begin our registration process. We wish you and your families health and well being at the time. If you have any other questions, please contact Mr. Jacob Rodriguez, [jacob.rodriguez@sysdschools.org](mailto:jacob.rodriguez@sysdschools.org).

Respectfully,

Cynthia Monreal Gonzalez  
Educational Services Director

## HUMAN RESOURCES

### STAFF ARE FOLLOWING ALL STATE AND FEDERAL HEALTH PROTOCOLS.

Per order of the Health Officer and Emergency Regulations, SYSD continues to adhere to County health orders including monitoring staff reporting to our work sites as well as practicing social distancing protocol.

### STAFF MEMBER HEROES

This week, we thank our CNS teams and those organizing food distributions at La Mirada, Willow and the food pantry at SYMS. Our students and families have never been more in need of our support. These heroes have made an immeasurable difference!

## STAFF APPRECIATION WEEKS

Each year, in the month of May, we take time to celebrate our amazing staff districtwide. Day of the Teacher is on Wednesday May 13, 2020. Week of the Teacher is Sunday, May 10 through Saturday, May 16. 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. Thank you for contributing to these important weeks!

## 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 24<sup>th</sup>  
**Time:** 11:30 am to 1:00 pm or until meals run out

**Location:** Willow Elementary School  
**Date:** Friday, May 8<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.

Free Meal Program for the Remainder of the School Year - Email sent to parents on 4-13-20

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This week we served 1,200 students at La Mirada and 1,000 students at Willow. Each student received 5 breakfast meals and 5 lunch meals. Total meals served this week = 22,000. To date, we have served 78,832.

### MEETING WITH SENATOR BEN HUESO

District leaders had the honor to meet with Senator Hueso via Zoom this week to highlight our district's heroic efforts during the COVID-19 pandemic. We also shared our concerns regarding the potential financial impacts of the COVID-19 recession to our district. The attendees included: Senator Ben Hueso, Joana Molina (Sen. Hueso staff representative), Board President Gurmilan, Board Clerk Lopez, Dr. Potter, Ms. Adrianzen and Christina Marcellus (Capitol Advisors).

## NEWS & COMMUNITY RELATIONS

## SUNSET FOOD PANTRY

Through our partnership with Feeding America, the district was able to provide 2 bags of groceries each to 400 of our families on Tuesday, May 5th 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 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 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 America for the Sunset Food Bank. In addition to helping distribute the groceries, Mr. Amezcuita also donated the canopies and tables for the event.



## LOW COST HOME INTERNET/INTERNET DE BAJO COSTO PARA SU HOGAR |

**Email sent to parents on 5-5-20**

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1p8h0mfEmzH4qFlt5m4ulf-BoPP5ZjaYT/view?usp=sharing>

## MEDIA UPDATE

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

- EdSource: California’s homeless students at risk of falling through the cracks during pandemic
  - <https://edsources.org/2020/californias-homeless-students-at-risk-of-falling-through-the-cracks-during-pandemic/630638>
- EdSource: Early school start time proposed by Gov. Newsom not far from existing district calendars
  - <https://edsources.org/2020/early-school-start-time-proposed-by-gov-newsom-not-far-from-existing-district-calendars/630745>
- Union Tribune: Coronavirus summary | May 4: Newsom gives OK to step into Phase 2, a step toward reopening
  - <https://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/news/story/2020-05-04/coronavirus-summary-may-4-newsom-gives-ok-to-step-into-stage-2-a-step-toward-reopening>
- EdSource: The coming storm: big budget cuts, rising costs for California schools
  - <https://edsources.org/2020/the-coming-storm-big-budget-cut-rising-costs-for-california-schools/630938>

