



District Highlights

Superintendent - Gina A. Potter, Ed.D.
Week of June 19, 2020

SUPERINTENDENT

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY: Sunday, June 21st



Our school district wishes all of the fathers in our community a very Happy Father's Day!

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO HEALTH DEPARTMENT COVID INDUSTRY GUIDANCE: SCHOOL & SCHOOL BASED PROGRAMS

This week the County of San Diego released their industry guidance for the reopening of school and school based programs. These guidelines reference both the California Department of Public Health and the California Department of Education guidance for reopening schools. Our district's Reopening of Schools Task Force will refer to this county health department safety and health guidance as they plan for the reopening of our schools in the fall. Here is a presentation from the County of San Diego that provides an overview of the county health order as it relates to schools reopening:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1BTJxkiEBmPQIEI73i5UiRo4oaZSKewkX/view?usp=sharing>

**A VIDEO MESSAGE FROM SAN DIEGO COUNTY'S 42 SUPERINTENDENT'S:
WE'LL GET THROUGH THIS TOGETHER #InItTogether**

The San Diego County Office of Education produced a message of hope from all of the superintendents of districts countywide for our students during this school closure period.

Please click on the link below to watch the YouTube video titled - San Diego County School District Superintendents: We'll Get Through This Together:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d95pYhlqaj4>

COVID-19 UPDATES & RESOURCES

California Department of Public Health - Guidance for the Use of Face Coverings

(Dated 6-18-20)

https://www.sierracounty.ca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/4860/Guidance-for-Face-Coverings_06-18-2020

**RESPONSE FROM SENATOR DIANNE FEINSTEIN TO SYSD'S LETTER IN
SUPPORT OF THE HEROES ACT**

Please see U.S. Senator Feinstein's response to our district's letter to her with regards to our request for additional federal stimulus funds for education.



United States Senate

June 15, 2020

Gina A. Potter, Ed.D.
Superintendent, San Ysidro School District
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Dear Dr. Potter:

Thank you for writing to me regarding the impacts of the coronavirus pandemic on the San Ysidro School District. I appreciate the time you took to share your recommendations on how to best respond to this crisis, and I welcome the opportunity to respond.

Like you, I am concerned about the unprecedented disruption the coronavirus is having on our education systems. Beyond providing the resources needed to learn, many schools are playing a critical role in meeting the basic needs of struggling students by providing meals, safe shelter, and other vital resources. I believe Congress should provide additional resources to support schools as they address new learning barriers for students and unique challenges for educators.

That is why I was proud to support the *Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act* (Public Law 116-136), which the President signed into law on March 27, 2020. The *CARES Act* provides \$30.9 billion in funding to states, local school districts, and institutions of higher education to help schools, students, teachers, and families with immediate needs related to coronavirus. More information on the education provisions in the *CARES Act* can be found here: <https://sen.gov/Q751>.

Although the *CARES Act* was an important step in supporting students and schools, I believe more is needed to relieve the burdens caused by the coronavirus. That is why I was proud to cosponsor the "State and Municipal Assistance for Recovery and Transition Act" (S. 3752), which was introduced by Senator Bob Menendez (D-NJ) on May 18, 2020. This bill would provide \$500 billion in federal aid to states and localities impacted by the coronavirus pandemic and help prevent cuts to public education due to state and local budget

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shortfalls. S. 3752 currently awaits consideration by the Senate Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee, of which I am not a member. You can read my full statement on this bill here: <https://sen.gov/W2XW>.

I also joined my Senate colleagues in sending a letter to Senate leadership requesting that future coronavirus relief legislation protects the rights of students who experience disabilities and provides school districts with \$11.9 billion in emergency funding so educators are able to effectively serve these students during this unprecedented crisis. I joined a similar letter requesting at least \$2 billion in federal funding for schools and libraries to provide Wi-Fi hotspots or other devices with Wi-Fi capability to students without adequate connectivity at home. You can read a copy of these letters here: <https://sen.gov/M7JQ> and here: <https://sen.gov/X6ZL>.

Please know that I will keep your thoughts in mind as I continue to work with my Senate colleagues to increase federal funding for public schools and review recommendations to provide relief for Americans suffering as a result of this pandemic.

Again, thank you for writing. If I can be of further assistance to you or your office, please do not hesitate to have your staff contact Brent Palmer in my Washington, D.C. office at (202) 224-2287. Best regards.

Sincerely,



Dianne Feinstein
United States Senator

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REGULAR VIRTUAL ZOOM BOARD MEETING: Thurs., June 25th @ 5pm - *Change of Location - Virtual Zoom Board Meeting*

On Thursday, June 25th 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.

DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS SUMMER BREAK

District Highlights will take a 4 week summer break from June 26th - July 17th.

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

ONLINE REGISTRATION

Registration for the 2020-21 continues via a contactless process. 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 details of this system of support by clicking the link below:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1H-fls-LX9ZHbMBDCR_xsRv5_I5HF9GshH33HIIADf8/edit?usp=sharing

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. ALL students are invited and encouraged to participate!!



San Ysidro School District
2020-21 Online Registration Summer Reading Program

Summer Reading Program for Returning Students

Complete **STEP 1** & **STEP 2** to participate:

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:

Summer Reading Challenge

Sign-Up by completing the attached summer reading agreement, and submitting the document via email to registration@sysdschools.org.

Let's 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.



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.

HUMAN RESOURCES

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES & PRESENTATION

As we finish the 2019-2020 school year, staff will be recognized based on years of service as well as employee of the year selections. Each staff member being recognized for either employee of the year or years of service will receive an personalized digital certificate and will be included in the employee recognition powerpoint. The powerpoint will be a part of the June 25th board meeting and will be shared with all staff following the board meeting.

BUSINESS SERVICES

SEAMLESS SUMMER MEAL PROGRAM: *Began Wednesday, June 10th @ La Mirada Elementary*

The district's summer meal program begins on Wednesday, June 10th and will run through Wednesday, August 5th. 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 ONE 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
Date: Wednesdays, June 10th - August 5th
Time: 11:30 am to 1:00 pm or until meals run out

Total summer meals served to date: 23,720

2020-2021 PROPOSED BUDGET PRESENTATION

During the June 18, 2020 Board Meeting, the Business Department presented the 20-21 Proposed Budget which is based on the Governor's May Revise. The district's budget will be amended after the state adopts a final budget for the 2020-21 fiscal year. The district anticipates a more favorable state adopted budget for education than what is currently embedded in the Governor's May Revise proposed budget.

Presentation is provided in the link below:

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1lqt6lzLdiZyBRjkRPyVfl1WRMWPd17KPmSqsshMb5M/edit#slide=id.g8a6e420600_0_111

PUBLIC FINANCING CORPORATION

Meredith Johnson with Dannis, Woliver and Kelly Attorneys at Law provided information on the San Ysidro School District Financing Corporation. A financing corporation is required for districts who have issued certificates of participation (COPS).

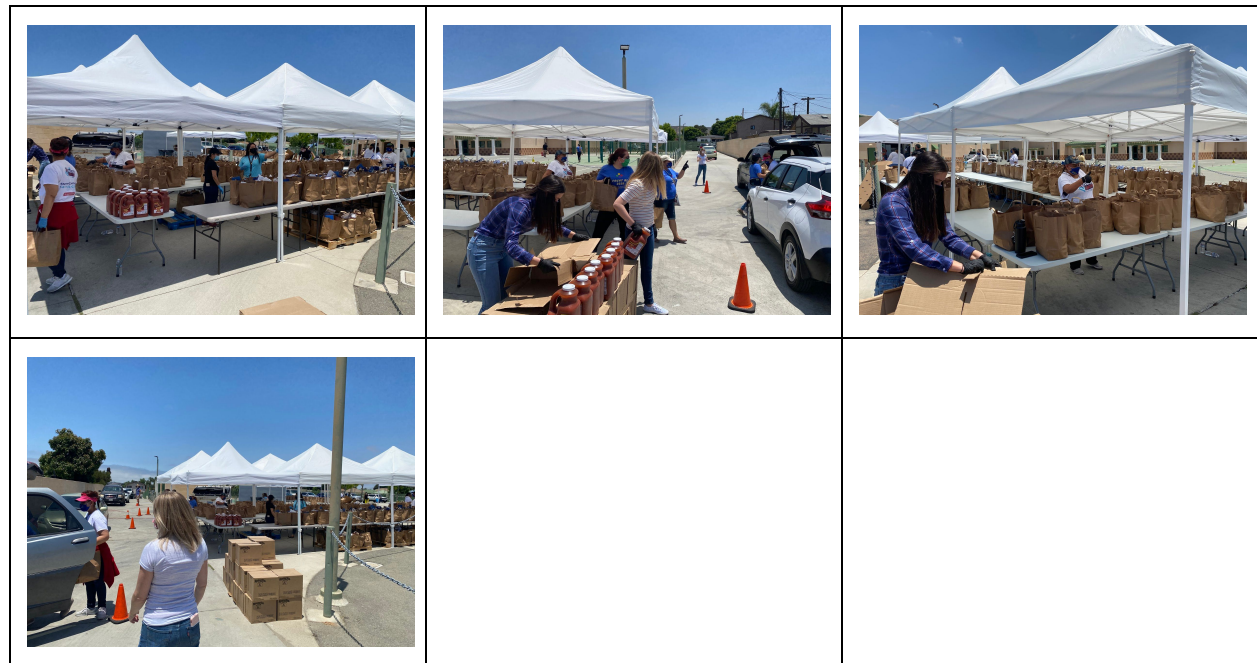
Please click on link below:

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NEWS & COMMUNITY RELATIONS

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 June 16th at Sunset Elementary. 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. Thank you to Board Clerk Rudy Lopez, Principal Efrain Burciaga, and other members of our District staff who also provided much needed help. Omar Calleros, Coordinator Full Service Community Schools helped reestablish our relationship with Feeding America for the Sunset Food Pantry.



FOOD PANTRY @ WILLOW ELEMENTARY

Through our partnership with Feeding San Diego, the district was able to provide 2 bags of groceries each to 230 of our families on Friday June 19th at Willow Elementary. A big “Thank You” to our community partners; Casa Familiar, Lisa Cuestas and her team for volunteering and handing out grocery bags. Principal Manuel Bojorquez, the district maintenance crew and other members of our District and school staff who provided much needed help. Omar Calleros, Coordinator Full Service Community Schools helped reestablish our relationship with Feeding San Diego for the Willow Food Pantry.

