



### District Highlights

Superintendent - Gina A. Potter, Ed.D.

Week of June 5, 2020

## SUPERINTENDENT

### LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS WAS JUNE 4TH WITH 43 PROMOTION CEREMONIES DURING THE WEEK & FINAL DAY FOR TEACHERS WAS JUNE 5TH

The last week of school for our students and teachers was a wonderful week of celebrations! Our district congratulates all of our preschool, kindergarten, 6th grade and 8th grade students for successfully completing this school year and promoting to the next level of schooling or grade!!! We are so very proud of our students this year for exhibiting remarkable resilience and perseverance as they navigated likely one of the most difficult school years of their educational journey.

We also express our sincere gratitude to our teachers, administrators, classified and staff for their heroic efforts to provide a distance learning program, meals and special, caring moments for our students and their families!

Below please find our governance team's end of school year letters to both our families and staff. We sincerely wish our students, families, staff and community a safe and restful summer.

End of Year Family Letter 2019-2020 - English (please click on link to view):

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/14P1JwgEb6LSnmlhLMevCpXPaMfRxVXlr/view?usp=sharing>

End of Year Family Letter 2019-2020 - Spanish (please click on link to view):

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Qg6eEsH63tTUsdazhVI9rDk2mAsllykf/view?usp=sharing>

End of the Year Staff Letter 2019-2020 - English (please click on to view):

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1wvDBTdQCC1YbS\\_LeCcULcoiShFgwUrXd/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1wvDBTdQCC1YbS_LeCcULcoiShFgwUrXd/view?usp=sharing)

End of the Year Staff Letter 2019-2020 - Spanish (please lick on the link to view):

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1JyxnLVMB5Dps0AOznkxyCe7fm4mIYEYc/view?usp=sharing>

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2020!



Congratulations graduating class of 2020! Our school district recognizes each one of our incredible students for their remarkable accomplishments and for promoting to the next level of school or grade. We realize this has been a very challenging year for you, your teachers, your parents and families due to the pandemic. We applaud and acknowledge the courage and determination you have shown in continuing to move forward on your educational path. Together, we will be stronger and we know that each of our graduates has the ability to achieve their hopes and dreams. Graduates of the class of 2020, we believe in you and your future success!

Our district sincerely thanks our staff for the remarkable and festive promotion car parades and virtual ceremonies that were held this last week of school for our preschool, kindergarten, 6th and 8th grade students! There were a total of 43 promotion ceremonies that were conducted to celebrate our students and their educational accomplishment. Below please enjoy photos and video links to the various celebratory promotion events at each of our schools.

### Car Parades - Child Development Center & Preschool Programs







## Virtual 6th Grade Promotion Videos (via the District YouTube Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGyF01068pwbhe-B5xnyl-A>)

- La Mirada Elementary School - 6th Grade Virtual Promotion  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AkLMC7BGgoY>
- Ocean View Hills Elementary School - 6th Grade Virtual Promotion  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4Zc8rx24n6g>
- Smythe Elementary School - 6th Grade Virtual Promotion  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_SjC6HOWETs](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_SjC6HOWETs)
- Sunset Elementary School - 6th Grade Virtual Promotion  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VAKd5X4dD8U>
- Willow Elementary School - 6th Grade Virtual Promotion  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J5eSIhrmPWA>

## Car Parades for 6th Grade Graduates

### La Mirada Elementary School - Car Parade







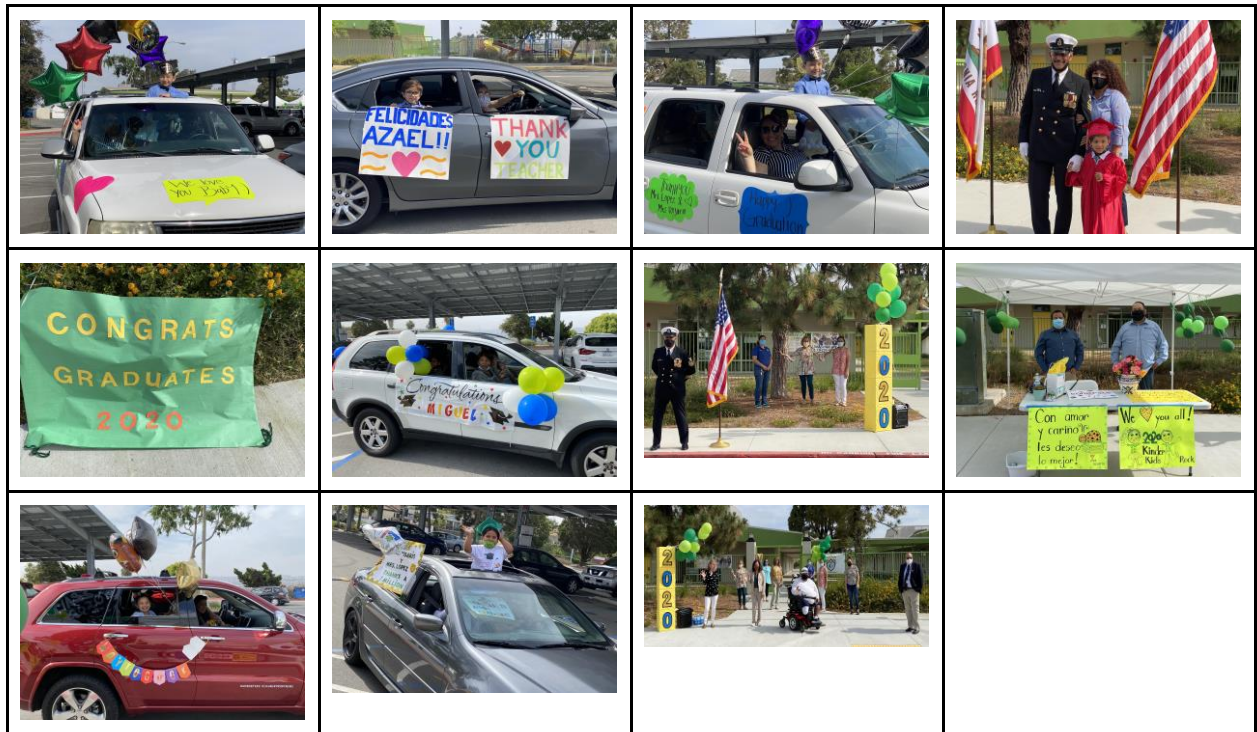
## Ocean View Hills Elementary School - Car Parade



## Smythe Elementary School - Car Parade



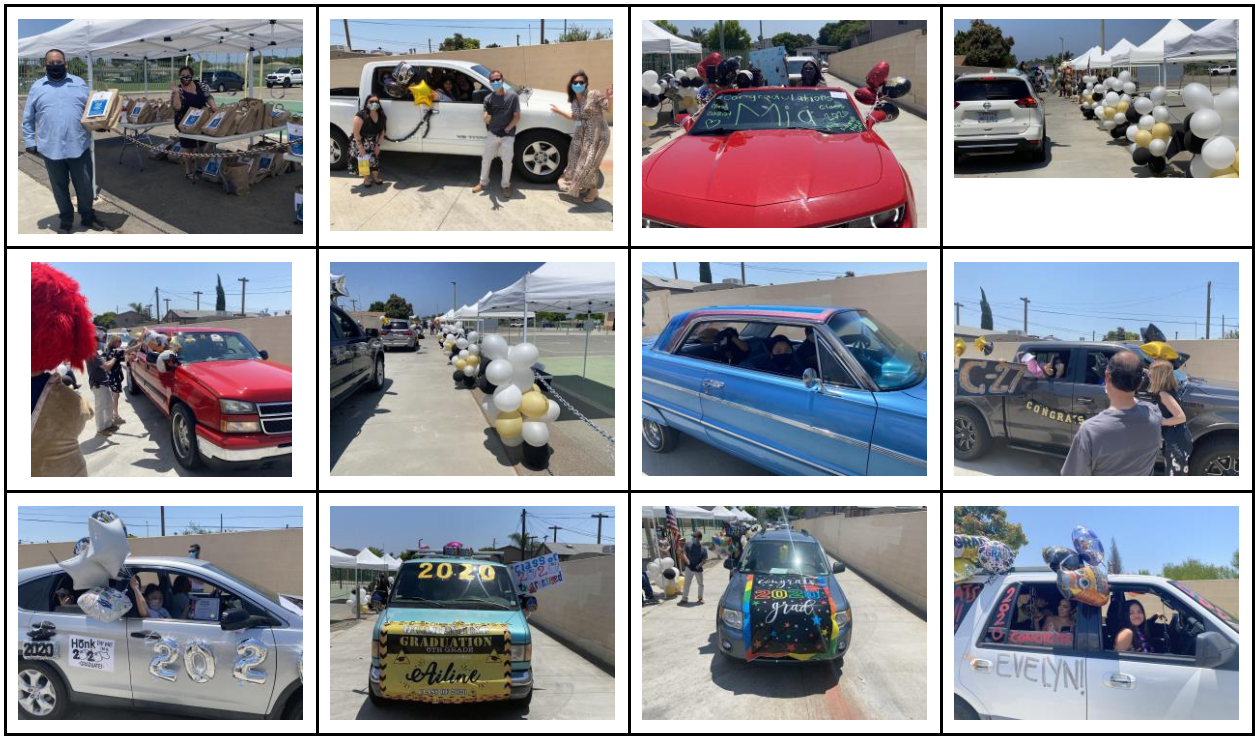




## Sunset Elementary School - Car Parade







## Willow Elementary School - Car Parade





## Virtual 8th Grade Promotion Videos (via the District YouTube Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGyF01068pwbhe-B5xnyl-A>)

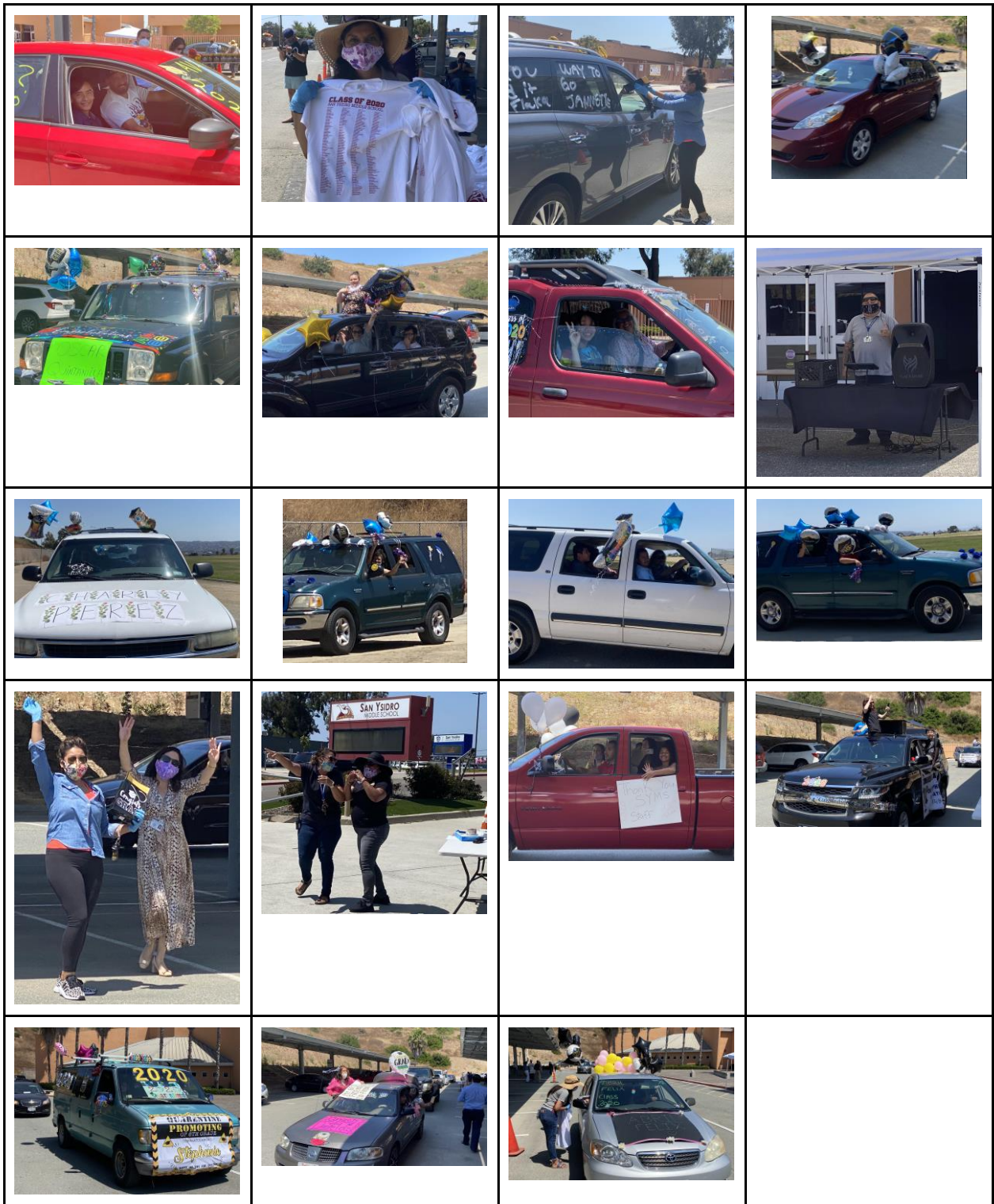
- San Ysidro Middle School - 8th Grade Virtual Promotion  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XD3ZRDPM6yU>
- Vista Del Mar Middle School - 8th Grade Virtual Promotion  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RGPk2Egoxkc>

## Car Parades for 8th Grade Graduates

### San Ysidro Middle School - Car Parade

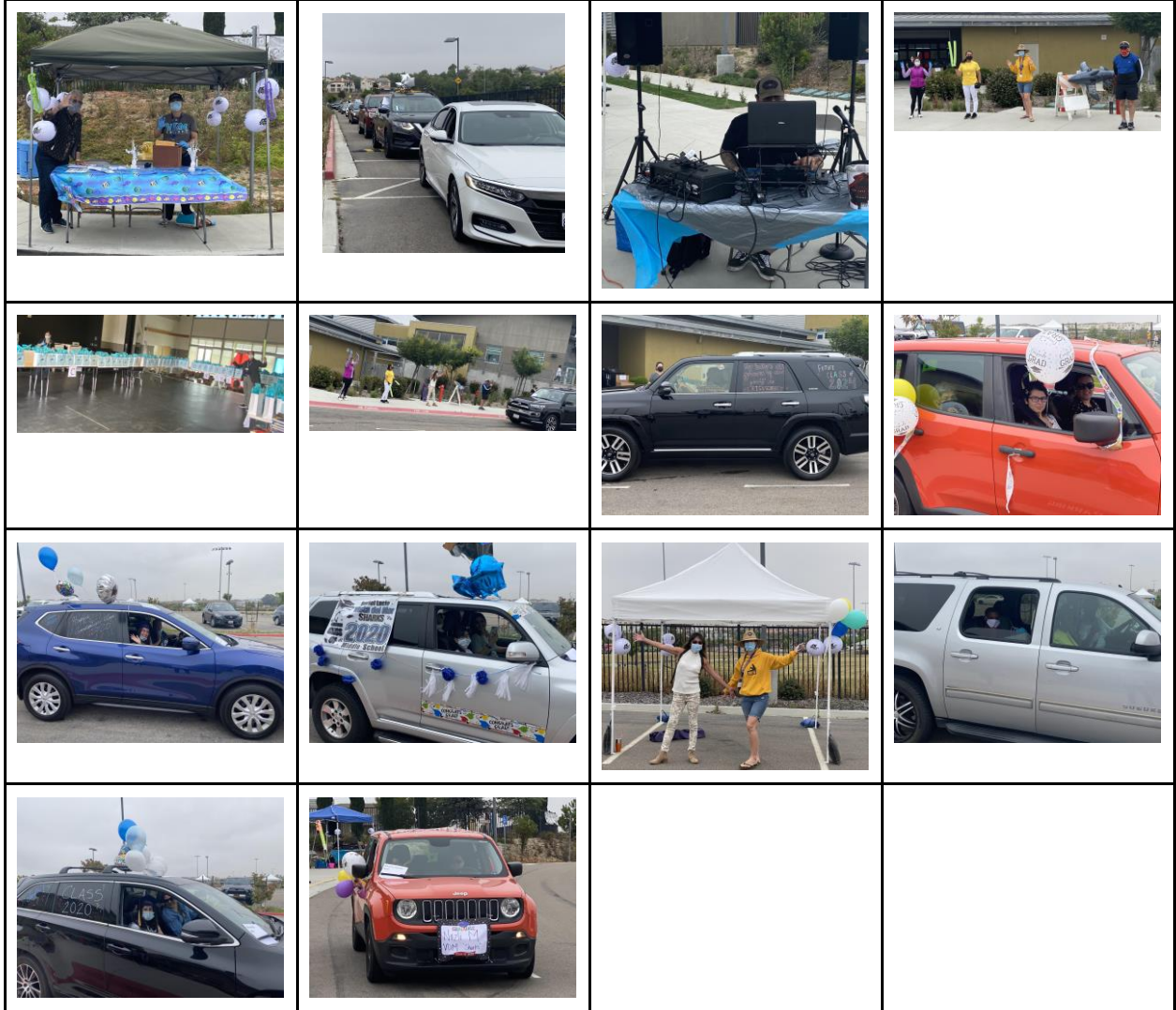








## Vista Del Mar Middle School - Car Parade



## SAN YSIDRO MIDDLE SCHOOL CAR CLUB CRUISE AND BALLOON RELEASE

On Thursday, June 4th, community members, Ms. Olga Espinosa and Mr. Jack Gechter, along with 2 local car clubs organized a cruise around San Ysidro in recognition of the San Ysidro Middle School Class of 2020. The cruise began in the District Office parking lot with a show of the custom and restored vintage cars on display. The procession extended throughout San Ysidro stopping at a few of the graduates' homes to hand out special leas and gifts created by Ms. Espinosa. After the cruise, 3 members of the SYMS Class of 2020, including Ms. Espinosa's son, released balloons in front of their school. A special "Thank You" to Ms. Olga Espinosa, Mr. Jack Gechter and the members of the Car Clubs for organizing and participating in this special event.





## **RESPONSE FROM THE OFFICE OF CONGRESSMAN JUAN VARGAS REGARDING K-12 FUNDING LETTER (DATED 6-1-20)**

Congressman Juan Vargas has signed onto a letter, led by Congresswomen Rashida Tlaib (MI-13), Jahana Hayes (CT-05), and Ayanna Pressley (MA-07), and signed by 110 of their colleagues, to Congressional leadership strongly urging the inclusion of at least \$305 billion in K-12 education stabilization funding as they negotiate upcoming coronavirus response legislation.

Please see the letter attached and the press release from the office of Congresswoman Rashida Tlaib.

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1zZID4joH6LM2ZxbNoPb2K8Na0\\_0DHXjW/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1zZID4joH6LM2ZxbNoPb2K8Na0_0DHXjW/view?usp=sharing)

## **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**

## **SYSD SCI-PHY PROGRAM**

Our elementary students had fun with science and physical education during distance learning. Every week students were provided instruction on one of the 5 Steps of the Engineering Design Process (Ask, Explore, Model, Evaluate & Explain). This video highlights the work of our kindergarten students who were tasked to design and build a cast to solve a problem:

Please click the link below to enjoy the video:

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1rZ1Nucahp\\_P9QcoF1MAMGddY45Zxnuvy/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1rZ1Nucahp_P9QcoF1MAMGddY45Zxnuvy/view?usp=sharing)

## **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\\_l5HF9GshH33HIIADFd8/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1H-fLs-LX9ZHbMBDCR_xsRv5_l5HF9GshH33HIIADFd8/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](mailto: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.

Guiding Documents:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Tqa9ciRS6pQ6qpUwf2aDv3VqWCfuRjCZhQGeKf8iOVM/edit?usp=sharing>

<https://content.acsa.org/distance-learning-2/acsa-school-reopening-report-may-2020>

## 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.

### NEW SCHOOL YEAR START DATE: *Either August 10th or 17th*

The district anticipates finalizing the start date for the new school year by the end of June. Our staff and family survey data indicates that most prefer a start date in mid August rather than on the original July 20th start date. At this time the district is working with key stakeholder groups to determine if the new school year should begin either on August 10th or the 17th. Please stay posted.

## BUSINESS SERVICES

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

The district's summer meal program begins on Wednesday, June 10<sup>th</sup> and will run through Wednesday, August 5<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 **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 10<sup>th</sup> - August 5<sup>th</sup>  
**Time:** 11:30 am to 1:00 pm or until meals run out

### **LONG RANGE MASTER FACILITY PLAN (LRMFP) TOWN HALL MEETING SCHEDULE**

WLC Architects and the district will conduct virtual town hall meetings in order to gather input from the San Ysidro Community. Note, when the county health department allows for gatherings of more than 10 then the district will work with WLC Architects to conduct in a few districtwide in person town hall meetings to gather stakeholder input.

The proposed dates for the first few virtual town hall meetings via Zoom are as follows:

- Wednesday, June 17th
- Friday, June 19th

## **NEWS & COMMUNITY RELATIONS**

### **FORO VIRTUAL COMUNITARIO SOBRE LOS BENEFICIOS DISPONIBLES DURANTE LA PANDEMIA**

Emailed to parents on 6-4-20

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1Q4YqBNjpaeQQIGBgUwalM3eM3nbtAbwf>

### **YOUTH WORK-READINESS ONLINE CLASS/CLASES DE PREPARACIÓN LABORAL PARA JÓVENES**

Emailed to parents on 6-4-20

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1V4U8p0l10QHF9Jw6V8kUjeHXLmGdWwGO/view?usp=sharing>

### **MEDIA UPDATE**

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

- LA Times: LAUSD Likely To Implement 'Hybrid' Schedules This Fall — If The District Reopens Campuses
  - <https://laist.com/latest/post/20200603/beutner-laUSD-hybrid-schedules-fall>