



QUALITY EDUCATION AND OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL STUDENTS TO SUCCEED

## **District Highlights**

Superintendent - Gina Potter, Ed.D. Week of August 14, 2020

# SUPERINTENDENT

#### FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL: August 17th - 21st

Our district welcomed students to the new school year via a Distance Learning Academy on **Monday**, **August 17th**. In preparation for the first day of school for students our district held the following important events.

- Virtual Parent & Student Orientation: Tuesday, August 11th
  - This presentation and slides are posted on our district website
  - The presentation has been viewed on our district's YouTube link over 4,200 times
  - English Version: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=12\_a4P-hPrc</u>
  - Spanish Version: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vev6dAUOkYE</u>
- Virtual Welcome Back Staff Event: Wednesday, August 12th
  - Approximately 600 employees participated
  - Over 9,200 views of the presentation on our district's YouTube link
- Multiple Chromebook Distribution Events: Week of August 14th
  - By Friday, August 14th 1,731 Chromebooks were distributed to preschool-8th grade students
- Optional Professional Development for All Teachers & Instructional Aids: August 10th - 11th
  - Over 200 teachers were invited to participate in professional development to successfully launch our Distance Learning Academy
  - Teacher technology leads and sci-phy teachers worked together to create and teach the professional development sessions
  - https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1w7qoCR5p7uEQBpwTlwWnJql8-OW89hpEfvwH2PZvB3l/ edit?usp=sharing

#### COVID-19 Prevention Safety Plan for Schools

- On the board agenda for the Governing Board Meeting on August 13th
- Posted on our district website on August 14th
- School COVID-19 Prevention Safety Plans will be posted on the school website the week of August 17th
- https://www.sysdschools.org/cms/lib/CA02206824/Centricity/Domain/741/COVID-19%20Prevention %20Plan%20For%20District%20Schools%20-%20Board%208-13-20%20Revised.pdf

#### WELCOME BACK MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT TO FAMILIES

On Friday, August 14th the district sent out via email and social media the following welcome back message to families from Superintendent Dr. Gina Potter.

- English https://www.sysdschools.org/cms/lib/CA02206824/Centricity/Domain/4/Welcome%20Back%20Message%20 from%20the%20Superintendent%20to%20Families%202020-2021%20English.pdf
- Spanish https://www.sysdschools.org/cms/lib/CA02206824/Centricity/Domain/4/Welcome%20Back%20Message%20 from%20the%20Superintendent%20to%20Families%202020-2021%20-Spanish.pdf

This letter details important information for families to help their child start school on August 17th successfully.

#### VIRTUAL WELCOME BACK STAFF EVENT: Wednesday, August 12th @ 8am

On Wednesday, August 12th the district welcomed back almost 600 employees to the new school year at our Virtual Welcome Back Staff Event! The welcome back event was presented by Board President Humberto Gurmilan, Board Clerk Rudy Lopez, Board Member Irene Lopez and Board Member Rosaleah Pallasigue, Superintendent Gina Potter, cabinet leaders, administrators, a VEBA trainer on staff health and wellness, and representatives from SDCOE and the district attorney's office on restorative justice.

Here is the program and presentation links for this very special event:

#### WELCOME BACK STAFF EVENT PROGRAM WITH PRESENTATIONS:

8am-11:15am: All Staff Superintendent, Governing Board & Cabinet Welcome & Overview https://www.sysdschools.org/cms/lib/CA02206824/Centricity/Domain/4/Virtual%20Welcome%20Back%20Staff%20Ev ent%202020-2021%208-12-20.pdf

Mental Health Wellness/Self Care Tips & Standing Yoga (Presented by VEBA)

COVID-19 Prevention Plan for Schools (Manuela Colom/Cynthia Gonzales) https://www.sysdschools.org/cms/lib/CA02206824/Centricity/Domain/741/Virtual%20COVID%20-19%20Prevention% 20Plan%20for%20Schools%20Welcome%20Back%20Staff%20Event%202020-2021%208-12-20.pdf

Restorative Justice Refresher (Marissa Bejarano/Anthony Ceja) https://www.sysdschools.org/cms/lib/CA02206824/Centricity/Domain/4/CARE%20Resources%20SY.pdf

#### 11:15am-Noon Lunch Break

Noon-1pm: All Staff (offices are closed) COVID Safety & PPE Training for Staff & Students (Human Resources) https://www.sysdschools.org/cms/lib/CA02206824/Centricity/Domain/741/COVID%20Safety%20Training%20Videos %20and%20Step-By-Step%20Directions.pdf

**1-3pm: Certificated Staff & Classified Instructional Aides** Second Step: Social Emotional Curriculum (Principals Training Opening then Online Module)

#### CHROMEBOOK DISTRIBUTION EVENTS: Week of Aug 10th

Our district held 4 Chromebook Distribution Events the week of August 10th for all preschool through 8th grade students. On Monday and Tuesday they were held at Vista Del Mar Middle School from 9-11am and 2-5pm. On Thursday and Friday they were held at Willow Elementary from 9-11am, 2-5pm (Thursday) and 2-7pm (Friday). By Friday, August 14th the district distributed 1,731 Chromebooks!

The district anticipates receiving our final shipment of new Chromebooks by mid-September. Once received our technology team will program each device and then establish dates for additional Chromebook distribution events.

Our district sincerely thanks families who patiently waited in long car lines during these events. Also we express gratitude to our Director of Technology Todd Lewis, our technology team members, MOTF colleagues and all staff who came out to help make these events successful.

#### **Photos of Chromebook Distribution Events:**



#### **COVID 19-UPDATES, SCHOOLS REOPENING INFORMATION & RESOURCES**

\*Distance Learning Technology Rules & Guidelines/Reglas y Pautas de la Tecnología del Aprendizaje a Distancia (Email sent on 8-11-20) https://www.sysdschools.org/site/handlers/filedownload.ashx?moduleinstanceid=1416&dataid=1840&FileName=Di stance%20Learning%20Technology%20Rules%20and%20Guidelines.pdf

State Superintendent Tony Thurmond Commends Students, Families, and Educators on Return to Learning and Outlines Ongoing Priorities (Dated 8-12-20) https://www.cde.ca.gov/nr/ne/vr20/vr20rel67.asp

#### SPECIAL VIRTUAL ZOOM BOARD MEETING: Thurs., Sept. 10th @ 5-8pm -

#### Change of Location - Virtual Zoom Board Meeting

On Thursday, September 10th from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. there will be a Special Board Meeting. This will be a Summer/Fall Board Workshop to cover various topics along with some actions items and presentations.

# **SPECIAL VIRTUAL ZOOM BOARD MEETING:** Thurs., Sept. 17th @ 3-5pm - Change of Location - Virtual Zoom Board Meeting

On Thursday, September 17th from 3:00-5:00 p.m. there will be a Special Board Meeting. This will be a Summer/Fall Board Workshop to cover various topics.

#### **REGULAR VIRTUAL ZOOM BOARD MEETING:** Thurs., Sept. 17th @ 5pm - *Change of Location - Virtual Zoom Board Meeting*

On Thursday, September 17th 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.

#### BOARD RECOGNITION/DISTINGUISHED CHAMPION: MR. JASON PERRY

Mr. Perry was born and raised in New Jersey and is best known for playing with the San Diego Chargers from 1999 to 2001. Even though he played for two other teams in the NFL he returned to live permanently in San Diego. Mr. Perry saw the need of the community and which reminded him of his upbringing. Many people didn't have access to food and his mother would give him snacks to give to his friends. The values his mother taught him about giving lives within him and is a reminder to do what he can, when he can.

Mr. Perry first contacted Mr. Amezquita to deliver food to needy families within the Sunset area. Once Mr. Perry and his team recognized the need of the community, Mr. Amezquita reached out to Ms. Medina and directed the group to deliver to other areas within the community. After a few weeks of delivering food, the group selected a specific area near Willow Elementary that needed the most assistance with food. Mr. Perry and his team have distributed 100 bags of food every Friday at noon for the past 20 weeks. In his team are the next 3 recipients which are Denny Bhakta, Anil and Bharti Patel.



#### **BOARD RECOGNITION/DISTINGUISHED CHAMPION: MR. DENNY BHAKTA**

Mr. Bhakta was born in India and his parents immigrated to the United States in 1985. He moved to San Diego in the year 2000 for educational purposes and received an undergrad and graduate degree; he then pursued a career in hotel management. He founded the Manu Bhakta Foundation that is named after his late mother who passed in 2014 due to pulmonary fibrosis. Through his foundation, he donated 10 bikes to two 6<sup>th</sup> grade students from each of our five elementary schools that were identified by their school Principals. The event was held at the District Office and was coordinated by Mr. Amezquita and Ms. Medina.

# BOARD RECOGNITION/DISTINGUISHED CHAMPIONS: MR. BHARTI PATEL & MS. ANIL PATEL

Mr. Patel was born in Johannesburg, South Africa however he was raised in India. Mrs. Patel was born and raised in Rhodesia which is now known as Zimbabwe. They both have accompanied Mr. Bhakta and Mr. Perry at the food distribution and are members of the Manu Bhakta Foundation. Mr. and Mrs. Patel have also donated 6 kindle fire tablets to students from Sunset and Willow. They also donated over 1,600 bananas to distribute at Sunset's food pantry on July 7<sup>th</sup>.



#### BOARD RECOGNITION/DISTINGUISHED CHAMPIONS: MR. RITO ARCIAGA

Mr. Arciaga born and raised in San Diego is an Outreach Consultant for the Los Angeles Chargers. When Mr. Spanos, the Owner of the L.A. Chargers relocated the team to L.A., the outreach programs that currently ran in San Diego stayed in place. These programs consist of entertaining convalescent facilities; inviting former Charger players to provide motivational speeches to youth at many schools and Juvenile Hall. When the Chargers were located in San Diego, Mr. Arciaga helped coordinate events with the SYSD to participate in the Payless Shoe Giveaway and would invite our group of students to meet and greet football players after the game. We were able to connect with Mr. Arciaga because his daughter; Alana Arciaga-Laurino works for the SYSD. She is now a teacher at Sunset Elementary.

During this pandemic Mr. Arciaga wanted to continue to work and feed the homeless; so focused on the community where his daughter works and was introduced to Mr. Rodrigo Amezquita; our Outreach Consultant at Sunset Elementary whom then invited Veronica Medina; Student and Family Services Manager to be part of this project. Together they have been working with Mr. Arciaga and have secured food distributions from Dr. Lewis; the Outreach Program Director in San Diego to deliver to the most neediest families within San Ysidro including military families. He also connected Mr. Amezquita with Jason Perry.



## **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.

#### **TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Distance Learning training that included Google Classroom for teachers took place this week on Monday, August 10th and Tuesday, August 11th. The professional development was built and delivered by 5 of our district teachers: Liana Davis, Melissa Hasemyer, Sylvia Mayer, Katherine O'Callaghan, and Janell Wright. These trainings were organized by topic and skill level allowing teachers to select up to 6 different

trainings to support their professional learning as we prepared to launch our Distance Learning Academy.

#### **VIRTUAL PARENT & STUDENT DISTANCE LEARNING ACADEMY ORIENTATION**

On Tuesday, August 11, 2020 at 9 am and 5 pm, a virtual parent and student orientation was provided to help launch our school year. The orientation allowed us to share information on the district's plan for instruction this school year, an overview of schedules and child nutrition services, as well as information on who to contact for support. This presentation will be posted in English and Spanish on the District YouTube Channel.

Please click here to view the powerpoint presentation.

- Presentation Slides in English: https://www.sysdschools.org/site/handlers/filedownload.ashx?moduleinstanceid=1416&dataid=1838&FileNa me=Distance%20Learning%20%20Virtual%20Parent%20Orientation%20English.pdf
- Presentation Slides in Spanish: https://www.sysdschools.org/site/handlers/filedownload.ashx?moduleinstanceid=1416&dataid=1839&FileNa me=Distance%20Learning%20Orientation%20Meeting%20-%20Spanish.pdf
- Video Presentation in English: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=12\_a4P-hPrc</u>
- Video Presentation in Spanish : <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vev6dAUOkYE</u>

## **NEWS & COMMUNITY RELATIONS**

#### WILLOW FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Through our partnership with Feeding San Diego, the district was able to provide 2 bags of groceries each to 300 of our families on Monday August 10th at Willow 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, and our District and school staff who provided much needed help including Omar Calleros, Coordinator Full Service Community Schools and Veronica Medina, Manager of Family and Student Services.



#### INTERNET ACCESS FROM AT&T & COX COMMUNICATIONS/ACCESO A INTERNET DE AT&T Y COX COMMUNICATIONS (Emailed to parents on 8-13-20)

# Keeping you connected when it matters most.



**Expanding eligibility** based on income\* and to households participating in the National School Lunch and Head Start programs.

Waiving home Internet data overage fees until September 30, 2020. (Does not apply to DSL)

Plus, there's NO commitment, NO deposit and NO installation fee.

Get an in-home Wi-Fi gateway and access to the entire national AT&T Wi-Fi Hot Spot network — INCLUDED at no extra cost.

Other eligibility requirements apply.

Visit att.com/access or call 1-855-220-5211 for complete information and to apply.



\*Household income based on 15% or less than the federal poverty guidelines. 9200 ABBT Intellectual Property: All Rights Reserved. ABBT, the ABBT goo, and all other ABBT marks contained herein are trademarks of ABBT Intellectual Property and/or ABBT, the ABBT decompanies.

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acceso al internet para mantenerse conectado con sus parientes, amigos, el trabajo y la escuela.

Por eso AT&T continuará ofreciéndole una manera económica de conectarse. Como respuesta a la crisis actual de salud pública, el programa Access de AT&T temporalmente:

Ampliará los requisitos de elegibilidad según el nivel de ingresos\* e incluirá a hogares que participan en los programas de Almuerzos Escolares Nacionales y Head Start.

No se cobrarán cargos por sobrepasar el uso de datos de internet en el hogar hasta Septiembre 30, 2020. (excluye DSL)

Además, NO se requiere contrato, depósito NI cargo por la instalación.

Obténga un portal Wi-Fi para su hogar y acceso a toda la red nacional de *hotspots* Wi-Fi de AT&T - INCLUIDOS sin costo adicional.

Sujeto a otros requisitos de elegibilidad.

Visita att.com/acceso o llame al 1-855-220-5225 para ver detalles completos y cómo suscribirte.



\* Los ingresos del hogar se basan en 155% o menos del nivel federal de la pobreza. M2020 AT&T intellectual Property: Todos los derechos reservados. AT&T, el logotipo de AT&T y todas las otras marcas incluidas aquí son marcas comerciales de AT&T intellectual Property y/o compañíos afiliadas a AT&T.

# Internet de alta velocidad en el hogar gratis por dos meses

Disponible para nuevos clientes de Cox Internet que califiquen.

Durante este tiempo en donde se requiere continuar con la educación en el hogar, Cox Communications se ha comprometido en ayudar a familias necesitadas para que puedan obtener acceso a internet a un costo reducido a través de nuestro programa de Connect2Compete.

Por un tiempo limitado, estamos ofreciendo lo siguiente a NUEVAS familias que califiquen, tengan un estudiante en los grados K-12\* y que se inscriban a más tardar el 30 de septiembre de 2020.

- Primeros dos meses de servicio GRATIS. La tarifa regular de Connect2Compete es \$9.95 al mes y aplica de ahí en adelante.
- Primeros dos meses GRATIS de ayuda por teléfono y soporte técnico remoto a través de Cox Complete Care para agilizar la configuración (servicio en el hogar de CCC no está incluido).
- Recursos para computadoras renovadas y con descuento están disponibles a través de nuestra alianza con PCs for People.

Connect2Compete se ofrece sin contratos anuales ni depósitos e incluye alquiler de módem wifi e instalación gratis.

# Familias que pueden calificar para Cox Connect2Compete:

- Tienen un niño que está en los grados K-12
- Son elegibles para el Programa Nacional de Almuerzos Escolares (NSLP, por sus siglas en inglés), SNAP, TANF, Head Start, WIC y/o LIHEAP
- Reciben vales de asistencia para inquilinos, vales de asistencia basados en proyectos, o asistencia para alquiler basada en proyecto de la sección 8 (PBRA, por sus siglas en inglés)
- Viven en una vivienda pública
- Son clientes nuevos de Cox

### COX Connect2 Compete.

# ¡Califica ahora! Conoce más en <u>Cox.com/Connect2Compete</u>

"La derta está disponible para clientes en áreas de servicio de Cox y que () cumplan con los riterios de elegibilidad, (ii) no se han suscrito a los servicios de Cox Internet dentro de los 90 dias anteriores a la solicitud de servicios do polos está oferta o en el servicio de Connect2Compete en los pasados 6 meses y (iii) no tienen deudas pendientes por ninguno de los eservicios de Cox o equipo no devuelto. No está disponible en todas las áreas. "Sin contrato anual" se refiere a no tener requisito de un término específico ni cargos por terminación anticipada. \$9.95 al mes incluye servicio de internet de Connect2Compete (hasta 25 Mbps de velocidades de descarga) y alquiler de un módem wijf (puede de nel nollur un Gateway indámbrico renovado). Equipo adicional es extra. Equipo debe ser devuelto si se cancel al servicio. Los precios del programa anuncidas están disponibles mientras se cumplan las criterios de elegibilidad. Incluye acceso a la red de Hotspots Wijf de Cox en varios lugares del país.Visita www.cox.com/hotspots para ver áreas de cobertur y hotspots disponibles. No hay cargos de instalación para instalación estándar en una toma de acornect Claudeda. Impuestos que aplique y otros cargos son adicional des. Los velociadas realse de internet varian y no están garantizadas. Visita www.cox.com/internetdisclosures para conocer las divulgaciones completas del saragicio de Internet de Cox. Las tarifas vigentes en ese momento de arrendamiento de servicios de internet y módem se aplicitarían cuando se dejen de cumplir los requisitos de elegibilidad también están sujetos a combios. Otras restriciones pueden aplicar. Oferta y elegibilidad también están sujetos a los términos y condiciones del programa. Oferta, precisa y requistas de elegibilidad también están sujetos a combios. Otras eccuela. No es un programa esconvicios y de capitor de internet en el hogar para las familias. No es un program sectón sy lanes están singleros a la cuentos de Connect2Compete. Fondos escolares na fueran utilizados para este aviso. Tod

# Fast, Home Internet Free for 2 Months

Available to qualified, new Cox internet customers.

During this continued time of required in-home learning, Cox Communications is committed to helping families in need receive affordable home internet access through our Connect2Compete program.

For a limited time, we're offering the following to NEW qualified families with a K-12 student\* who sign up by September 30, 2020.

- First 2 months of service FREE. Regular Connect2Compete service rates of \$9.95 per month apply thereafter.
- First 2 months FREE remote desktop and phone service support available through Cox Complete Care to streamline setup (CCC inhome care not included).
- Resources for discounted, refurbished equipment available through our association with PCs for People.

Connect2Compete is offered with no annual contracts or deposits, and includes free Wifi modem rental and installation.

# Families who may qualify for Cox Connect2Compete:

- Have a K-12 student
- Are eligible for the National School Lunch Program, SNAP, TANF, Head Start, WIC and/or LIHEAP
- Receive Tenant-Based Vouchers, Project-Based Vouchers or Section 8 Project-Based Rental Assistance (PBRA)
- Live in public housing
- Are a new Cox customer

## COX Connect2 Compete.

# Qualify now! Learn more at Cox.com/Connect2Compete

Offer available to customers in Cox services areas who (i) meet program eligibility criteria, (ii) have not subscribed to Cox Internet service within the last 90 days or Connect2Compete service in the last 6 months, and (iii) have no unpaid debt for Cox services or unreturned equipment. Net available in all areas. "No annual contract" means no specific term period requirement and no early termination fees. \$9.95/month includes Connect2Compete Internet service (to to 25 Mbgs download speeds) and one wijf modem rental (may include refurbished wireless gateway). Additional equipment is extra. Equipment must be returned on service cancellation. Advertised program pricing available while eligibility criteria are met. Includes Cox Wijf Hotspot network access at multiple locations across the country. See www.cox.com/hotspots for available coverage areas and hotspots. No installation charge for standard install on one prewired outlet. Additional installation, applicable taxes, and other fees are extra. Actual Internet speeds vary and are not guaranteed. See www.cox.com/internet/sites for complete Cox Internet Disclosures. Then-current Internet service and modem rental rates will apply when program eligibility requirements are no longer met. Offer, prices and eligibility requirements are subject to change. Other restrictions apply. Offer and eligibility are also subject to Connect2Compete groupmet accounts. No school funds were used for familias. It is not a school program, and is not endorsed or required by your school. Your school is not responsible for Connect2Compete accounts. Accestable Use Policy cox.com/arou (including Cox's rights to terminate service), and other objecs cox.com/aou (including Cox's rights to terminate service) and subject to Cox Residential Customer Service Agreement: cox.com/aou (including Cox's rights).

#### FREE COVID-19 TESTING INFORMATION/INFORMACIÓN SOBRE PRUEBA **GRATIS PARA COVID-19**







#### Free COVID-19 Testing Guide South Bay and Southeastern San Diego

If you have symptoms of COVID-19, please contact your healthcare provider first to get a free test. If you have no symptoms of COVID, you may get a free test through the SD County by appointment only (with the exception of Tubman-Chavez Community Center) at the following locations:





No Appt Site



Book your appt

by calling 211

or online at 211sandiego.org

> San Ysidro Civic Center **212 West Park Ave** San Ysidro, CA 92173 Hours: Tuesday - Saturday 7 AM - 7 PM



**Kimball Senior Center** 1221 D Avenue National City, CA 91950 Hours: Tuesday - Saturday 7 AM - 7 PM



Chula Vista (Old Sears building) 565 Broadway Chula Vista, CA 91910 Hours: Tuesday - Saturday 7 AM - 7 PM



**Aquatica San Diego 2052 Entertainment Cir** Chula Vista, CA 91911 Hours: Monday - Friday 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM



Mar Vista High School **505 Elm Avenue Imperial Beach, CA 91932** Hours: Monday - Friday 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM



**Kimball Senior Center** 1221 D Avenue National City, CA 91950 Hours: Tuesday - Saturday 7 AM - 7 PM



**Euclid Health Center 4400 Euclid Avenue** San Diego, CA 92115 **Hours: Saturdays** 9 AM - 3 PM



St. Anthony's of Padua Parking Lot 410 W 18th St National City, CA 91950 **Hours: Sunday** 10 AM - 2 PM



**County Fire – Bonita Fire Station 4900 Bonita Road** Bonita, CA 91902 Hours: August 19 and August 31 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM



**Tubman-Chavez Community Center 415 Euclid Avenue** San Diego, CA 92114 Hours: Monday - Sunday 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM