



San Ysidro

School District **EST - 1887**

QUALITY EDUCATION AND OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL STUDENTS TO SUCCEED

District Highlights

Week of December 18, 2020



SUPERINTENDENT

Gina Potter, Ed.D.

WINTER HOLIDAY VACATION: DECEMBER 21 - JANUARY 6

We wish each and every one of our families, students, staff and our community a safe, peaceful and joyous winter holiday season!



Season's Greetings



May your holidays be safe and filled with peace, hope, and joy this season.
Link: [Winter Holiday Guidance](#)

Que sus días festivos estén seguros y llenos de paz, esperanza y felicidad esta temporada.

Enlace: [Guía para celebrar las festividades de invierno](#)

**San Ysidro School District
Governing Board**

Antonio Martinez, President
Rudy Lopez, Vice President
Rosaleah Pallasigue, Clerk
Humberto Gurmilan, Member
Irene Lopez, Member

&

Superintendent
Gina Potter, Ed.D.

UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
Dec. 21st - Jan 6th	Winter Break NO SCHOOL	All Schools
Thurs., Jan. 7th	First Day Back for Students Distance Learning Academy @ All Schools in January 2021	All Schools

RECOGNITION OF 2020 BOARD PRESIDENT HUMBERTO GURMILAN & CONGRATULATIONS TO BOARD MEMBERS WITH NEW POSITIONS

During the December 14th Organizational Meeting Board Members and Superintendent Potter recognized former Board President Humberto Gurmilan. The following was the recognition statement shared by Dr. Potter:

“It is my honor to recognize Governing Board President Humberto Gurmilan for his tremendous service as the outgoing board president. Here are a few of his many accomplishments during his tenure; he was elected to serve on the California School Boards Association Delegate Assembly, helped pass GO Bonds Measures T & U, created our 2019-2020 school year theme “Together”, “Juntos” and always helped us with his extensive technological knowledge with the editing of district videos.

Mr. Gurmilan showed his sincere devotion and commitment to our district by consistently participating in community events that involved our students and families such as chromebook & food distributions, free vaccination clinics and holiday events. He was a visible and caring fixture at many more events throughout the year.

Mr. Gurmilan served as president during an unprecedented and challenging time for our district with perseverance, foresight, compassion and determination; he has collaboratively led our board and district through this COVID-19 pandemic. Mr. Gurmilan led the charge to assure that our students had fair and equitable access to technology such as internet service & computers to continue providing the best education for our children. This led to our school district closing the digital divide and providing all our students access to a computer and internet service. With this barrier closed we achieved approximately 95% daily student participation in our online Distance Learning Academy.

Board President Gurmilan, on behalf of our students, staff, families and community, a heartfelt “Thank you” for your leadership, dedication and commitment to our district during this very challenging year. We’re all very grateful you will remain with us as a prominent Governing Board leader in our district.”



Congratulations to our board members with new 2021 positions!

President
Board Vice President
Board Clerk

Antonio Martinez
Rudy Lopez
Rosaleah Pallasigue

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE FOR BOARD MEMBER ANTONIO MARTINEZ AND BOARD MEMBER ROSALEAH PALLASIGUE

**Antonio Martinez,
Oath of Office Administered by Gregg Robinson,
Board Member Elect, San Diego County of Education**

At the December 14th Organizational Meeting Board Member Antonio Martinez was administered his oath of office by Superintendent Dr. Potter prior to the meeting. The ceremonial oath of office was administered by Mr. Gregg Robinson, Board Member Elect, San Diego County Office of Education. The following words of recognition were shared by Superintendent Potter:

“Board Member Antonio Martinez has served on the board for 8 years and has served as a former board president and currently serves as our governing board vice president. He is a lifelong resident of San Ysidro who grew up in our community. Mr. Martinez, a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania with a degree in philosophy, politics, and economics, currently represents South Bay communities as a Congressional Representative for the office of Congressman Juan Vargas.

He is a regular volunteer in our community with Hearts and Hands Working Together and Casa Familiar which provide social services to our South Bay families.

Since his election to the San Ysidro School District Governing Board in 2012, Mr. Martinez has worked tirelessly to strengthen support services for at-risk kids, expand after-school programs, and is a strong supporter of our valuable staff and community. I would like to note that Mr. Martinez has run unopposed in his bids to serve on the Governing Board in both the 2016 & 2020 elections.”



**Rosaleah Pallasigue,
Oath of Office Administered by Superintendent Gina Potter, Ed.D.,
Superintendent, San Ysidro School District**

During the December 14th Organizational Meeting Board Member Rosaleah Pallasigue was administered her oath of office by Superintendent Dr. Potter. The following was the statement read by Dr. Potter during the December 14th Organizational Meeting:

“Board Member Rosaleah Pallasigue has served as a board member since 2015 and has led us as past president of the governing board, having served multiple terms during her tenure.

A successful business woman in the Real Estate industry who is proud to say her children are part of our school district with her oldest child having attended school at SYSD and, currently, her daughter is a student in our district.

In spite of her busy work schedule, Mrs. Pallasigue always finds time to help at many of our district events such as our chromebook distributions for our children and attending school events. She is also very active in our community by consistently volunteering and working with community organizations including Dreams for Change, Sharp Chula Vista and Lighthouse Christian Fellowship. She is also an accomplished cook, wanna be chef, who enjoys teaching others how to cook and eat healthy to help improve families quality of life.

Mrs. Pallasigue takes a passionate interest in the success of our school district. She makes it her personal mission to work with our board, teachers, staff and community to provide the best education possible for every child in our district. Mrs. Pallasigue has also run unopposed for her bid to serve on the Governing Board in both 2016 & 2020.”



WILLOW TEACHER MRS. ORDAZ: 4th Grade Class Holiday Dance Performance

Superintendent Potter was honored to attend Mrs. Ordaz’s Holiday Class Virtual Dance Performance. Thank you Mrs. Ordaz for coordinating this wonderful holiday performance with your students!



VIRTUAL LEGISLATIVE VISIT WITH ASSEMBLYMEMBER LORENA GONZALEZ

Last week our district Governing Board Members, Superintendent and Cabinet Members broke into small teams to begin meeting virtually with state legislative representatives or their education staff members to discuss key education matters. A special thanks to former Board President Humberto Gurmilan, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Leadership, Pupil Services and Safety Dr. David Farkas, Executive Director of Human Resources Linda Gonzales for joining Superintendent Potter in meeting with the Assemblywoman Lorena Gonzalez on December 15, 2020. Our district is grateful to our regional legislative representatives for taking the time to meet with us virtually and for helping education through this very difficult COVID pandemic.



LETTER TO GOVERNOR REGARDING VACCINE PRIORITY FOR EDUCATION

This week our district sent a letter to Governor Newsom respectfully requesting that education school personnel be prioritized for receiving early access to the COVID vaccine.

REGULAR VIRTUAL ZOOM BOARD MEETING: Thurs, January 21st @ 5pm - *Change of Location - Virtual Zoom Board Meeting*

On Thursday, January 21st beginning at 5:00 p.m. there will be a board meeting. This governing board meeting will be held virtually.

**EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP,
PUPIL SERVICES AND SAFETY**

MIDDLE SCHOOL SEMESTER REPORT CARDS

December 18, 2020 marks the end of the first semester for our middle schools. Report cards will be available through Parent Vue beginning on Monday, December 21st. Please click on the link [HERE](#) for instructions on accessing the report card electronically. Additionally, report cards will be mailed the week of January 11th.

COVID-19 TESTING FOR ALL SCHOOL STAFF

As of March 2020, none of the positive COVID district notification cases have been contact traced back to any of our schools or district facilities with regards to transmission. Our district has implemented COVID safety procedures that have been effective within our schools, facilities and our YMCA program. We encourage staff and families to practice COVID safety measures at all times outside of the workplace and schools, which include but are not limited to: face coverings, social distancing, hand washing, and adherence to state and county health guidance regarding gathering restrictions.

Thanks to the County of San Diego and San Diego County Office of Education, our district staff is able to be tested for COVID-19 safely, and at no cost. As of October 1st, testing sites were opened for school district employees throughout the county.

These sites aim to produce results sooner than 48 hours after an individual is tested. This is helpful as it supports our number one priority of keeping all SYSD schools and facilities safe. All district employees working onsite shall test for COVID-19 every other month. All school districts have access to the free County of San Diego COVID testing locations found on this [link](#).

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE SCI-PHY TEACHERS: VIDEO & PROJECTS

Our district's wonderful team of Sci-Phy teachers wish everyone a happy holidays with this great video produced by our great Sci-Phy Teacher Lead, Elva De Baca:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/13zXL1-jZ6N_qKaZq_vlu9cy_sRwhwmFB/view?usp=sharing



Also, we are very proud and impressed with our San Ysidro School District Kindergartners' STEM Distance Learning Projects led by Sci-Phy. Kindergartners are being instructed on Project Lead the Way Curriculum. Students explore the relationship between structure and function in the human body, in this case muscles help us bend and move easily. Our kindergartners have gone above and beyond the expectation to bring this curriculum to life via Distance Learning! Way to go Kinders!!! *(Photos below & write up courtesy of Teacher Patricia Burch)*



Please click on the link to watch the SCI-PHY Program - Project Lead The Way (PLW): Distance Learning Project Videos:

- <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1FOUE3oPC86uds64UMZXBjW2oTGkLAbfd/view?usp=sharing>
- <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1qDmZQ0TfJUHEV6iiEQ4yufifBGc7yB-Y/view?usp=sharing>

DISTANCE LEARNING ACADEMY TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT FOR NEW STUDENTS & FAMILIES

As we welcome new families to the San Ysidro community, we want to provide some documents that offer support to them as they transition to our schools. Please find a Student Guide to Google Classroom which can be viewed by clicking [HERE](#) as well as

the Distance Learning Technology Guide which is linked [HERE](#) and outlines the information that families will need to access our district programs.

SCHOOL REOPENING INSTRUCTIONAL PHASES

As we progress through this year, we have had to be flexible and make adjustments along the way. This has included our planning of instructional phases. The updated version of the Instructional Phases Timeline was approved at the board meeting on Monday, December 14th.

Please find the updated document linked [HERE](#). Additionally, below is a version of the chart that shows how with each instructional phase we have increased instructional services and support for our students while following the guidance of the county for the safety and health of our community and staff and meeting state and federal compliance responsibilities.

School Reopening Instructional Phases

Phase I	Phase II	Phase III: Purple/Red
August - September	October - December	January - June
<u>Instructional Programs:</u>	<u>Instructional Programs:</u>	<u>Instructional Programs:</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Distance Learning Academy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Distance Learning Academy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Distance Learning Academy * Specialized Cohorts * Blended Learning Program
	<u>Distance Learning Support Program:</u>	<u>Distance Learning Support Program:</u>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * YMCA In-Person Care * Virtual Tutoring 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * YMCA In- Person Care * Virtual Tutoring * Pathways
	<u>Other Requirements:</u>	<u>Other Requirements:</u>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * SPED Assessments per IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act) * EL Assessments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * SPED Assessments per IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act) * EL Assessments

HUMAN RESOURCES

UPDATED INJURY AND ILLNESS PREVENTION PLAN

Each year our district reviews the Injury and Illness Prevention Plan (IIPP) and makes necessary updates. In accordance with Cal/OSHA requirements, this year's IIPP included a COVID-19 Addendum which addresses COVID specific prevention plans. Earlier this year, the updated IIPP and COVID-19 Addendum were posted to the district website and posted at all school sites and in all departments.

You may find the IIPP and Addendum under the Human Resources section of our district website or at the following link: <https://www.sysdschools.org/Page/790>. This information was sent to all staff on Tuesday, December 15, 2020.

BUSINESS SERVICES

NEW FREE MEAL PROGRAM SCHEDULE FOR ALL CHILDREN 1 TO 18 YEARS OLD/NUEVO HORARIO DEL PROGRAMA DE COMIDAS GRATIS PARA TODOS LOS NIÑOS DE 1 A 18 AÑOS

NO FREE MEAL SERVICE FOR STUDENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE DURING WINTER BREAK, DECEMBER 21 - JANUARY 6.

We will resume the Free Meal Program for Students after winter break on Wednesday, January 13, 2021.

Day/Día: Wednesdays/*miércoles*

Schools/Escuelas: La Mirada & Willow Elementary
Time/horario: 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

School/Escuela: San Ysidro Middle School
Time/horario: 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

LONG RANGE MASTER FACILITY PLAN (LRMFP) - VIRTUAL TOWN HALLS AS SPECIAL BOARD MEETINGS

The district has hosted four Virtual Town Hall meetings. These meetings were scheduled to gather input from parents, staff and the community which will assist us in the development of the Long Range Master Facility Plan. These meetings were conducted as special board meetings in the event we reached a quorum.

The final meeting is scheduled for **The Beyer Site- Long Range Master Facility Plan Virtual Town Hall, Tuesday, January 26, 2021, 5:00 P.M.**

NEWS & COMMUNITY RELATIONS

COVID COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Free COVID-19 Testing Information

Información sobre prueba gratis para COVID-19

English & Spanish flyer:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/e/2PACX-1vQMTd4ar2ajglyiv5UwpSTyokayzD4PgWAL0xcA5PmXUwpU8oSphsCNwUEbylkpAVpb5bUitzRcZEL/pub>

**County of San Diego: COVID-19
Emergency Rental Assistance
Program**

Website:

<https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/sdhcd/community-development/COVID-19-Emergency-Rental-Assistance-Program.html>

**Condado de San Diego: Programa
de Asistencia de Alquiler de
Emergencia de COVID-19**

- **English Flyer**

<https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/dam/sdc/sdhcd/graphics/Info-Flyer-ERAP-5-English.pdf>

- **Spanish Flyer**
<https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/dam/sdc/sdhcd/graphics/Info-Flyer-ERAP-5-Spanish.pdf>

**State of California - Health and Human Services Agency California
 Department of Public Health**
 (Dated 12-3-20)

Website:
<https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/12.3.20-Stay-at-Home-Order-ICU-Scenario.pdf>

County of San Diego: Temporary Lodging Program
Condado de San Diego: Programa de Alojamiento Temporal

English and Spanish Flyer:
[https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/dam/sdc/hlsa/programs/phs/Epidemiology/2020.09.29_FINAL%20\(Updated\)-Temporary%20Lodging%20Flyer.pdf](https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/dam/sdc/hlsa/programs/phs/Epidemiology/2020.09.29_FINAL%20(Updated)-Temporary%20Lodging%20Flyer.pdf)

County of San Diego: Guidance for Winter Holidays during the COVID-19 Pandemic

English:
https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/dam/sdc/hlsa/programs/phs/Epidemiology/covid19/Winter_Holiday_Guidance.pdf

Condado de San Diego: Guía para celebrar las festividades de invierno durante la pandemia de COVID-19

Spanish:
https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/dam/sdc/hlsa/programs/phs/Epidemiology/covid19/Winter%20Holiday%20Guidance_Spanish.pdf

The City of San Diego Parks & Recreation Department:
Free Meals Program
Programa de comidas gratuitas

Flyer:
<https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/free-meals-program2020.pdf>

San Diego Hunger Coalition: Food Assistance Resources - Fall 2020

English Flyer:
<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/55130907e4b018f9300f3e63/t/5fcec4801eaf4591e16de831607388149116/General+food+assistance+Winter+2020+English.pdf>

Recursos de asistencia alimentaria - otoño 2020

Spanish Flyer:

<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/55130907e4b018f9300f3e63/t/5fc82919d32d012678ef291e/1606953243601/General+food+assistance+Winter+2020+Espanol.pdf>

San Ysidro Health:
Flu Vaccination Clinic December 2020
Schedule

*Clinica de Vacunas Contra la Gripe
Horario de diciembre 2020*

Child Abuse Hotline

Línea Directa Para la Prevención de Abuso Infantil

English and Spanish Flyer:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/e/2PACX-1vRVH7092hjWj8xqE8qQ14TurXPphWu9N7QyKiBehObvVklfES4pOeXuZzcpAXUJqN2H69iesCn6XPwQ/pub>

For more information, or to report suspected child abuse, call 858-560-2191.

Within the State of California you may call toll free 1(800) 344-6000.

Please click on the link to access the County of San Diego Health & Human Services Agency Child Abuse Hotline website:

https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/hhsa/programs/cs/child_welfare_services/child_abuse_hotline.html

Suicide Hotline

Línea Directa Para la Prevención del Suicidio

“The Lifeline provides 24/7, free and confidential support for people in distress, prevention and crisis resources for you or your loved ones, and best practices for professionals.” The phone number is 1 (800) 273-8255.

Please click on the link to access the website: <https://suicidepreventionlifeline.org/>

CASA FAMILIAR: FREE FOOD DISTRIBUTION/DISPENSA DE COMIDA GRATUITA

Days and times for the Casa Familiar Free Food Distributions can be found in the chart below:

Day/Date	Time	Location
Monday, January 11th, 2021	8:00 AM	Old K-Mart Parking Lot 4330 Camino de la Plaza San Ysidro, A 92173
Tuesday, January 19th, 2021	11:00 AM	Old K-Mart Parking Lot

		4330 Camino de la Plaza San Ysidro, A 92173
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**Photos of the Dec. 14th & 15th
Casa Familiar Free Food Distribution:**



Please click on the link to view the Casa Familiar Flyers:

- Free Food Distribution - English Flyer
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1tPICLXdX2WASUX3FjRila17E8nuJa-HK/view?usp=sharing>
- Distribución de Alimentos Gratis - Spanish Flyer
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1qUGGlb3gjsCXzKGoUJZG3iCA7tEuW0f/view?usp=sharing>