



District Highlights

Superintendent - Gina Potter, Ed.D.

Week of August 7, 2020

SUPERINTENDENT

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 a Virtual Welcome Back Staff Event! The welcome back event was presented by Board President Humberto Gurmilan, Board Members, Superintendent Gina Potter, cabinet leaders, administrators, a VEBA representative on health and wellness and representatives from the San Diego County Office of Education and the district attorney's office on restorative justice. Here is the program for this very special event:

WELCOME BACK STAFF EVENT PROGRAM

8am-11:15am: All Staff

Superintendent, Governing Board & Cabinet Welcome & Overview

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

COVID-19 Prevention Plan for Schools
(Manuela Colom)

Restorative Justice Refresher
(Marissa Bejarano/Anthony Ceja)

11:15am-Noon Lunch Break

Noon-1pm: All Staff

COVID Safety & PPE Training for Staff
(Human Resources)

1-3pm: Certificated Staff & Classified Instructional Aides

Second Step: Social Emotional Curriculum
(Principals Training Opening then Online Module)

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL VIDEO MESSAGE FOR OUR STUDENTS AND FAMILIES/MENSAJE EN VIDEO DE BIENVENIDA DE REGRESO A CLASES PARA NUESTROS ESTUDIANTES Y FAMILIAS

Board President Humberto Gurmilan and Superintendent Gina Potter welcomed back to school all of our students and their families for the new school year in the video messages that were shared the week of August 3rd. These welcome videos were recorded in both English and Spanish. They provided our families with important information regarding the launch of our new school year. A special thanks goes out to Board President Gurmilan for editing and producing the videos, to our Coordinator of Communications Mr. Mata for facilitating and posting the videos, and to Administrative Assistant Miguel Ortega for recording and technical support.

The video messages can be viewed within the links below and are also posted on our district and school websites.

English Welcome Back to School Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IrlFvmquug>

Spanish Welcome Back to School Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iBPL1afBBY4>

VIRTUAL LEADERSHIP ACADEMY: AUGUST 6-7, 2020

Our management team kicked off the new school year by participating in a two day Virtual Leadership Academy. The professional development focused on the importance of leadership in a time of crisis, team building, our new district theme of the year “TOGETHER,” the four district pillars of SAFETY, COMMUNICATION, CONNECTIVITY, and HIGH QUALITY EDUCATION, coronavirus safety and health protocol training, detailed department updates, and strategic planning for the launch of the new school year. We extend our appreciation to Board President Gurmilan for welcoming the leadership team back to the new school year during this event.

CHROMEBOOK DISTRIBUTION EVENTS: Beginning 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 Thursday, August 13th the district distributed 914 Chromebooks! 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.

IMPORTANT DATES TO LAUNCH NEW SCHOOL YEAR

DATE	EVENT	WHO
Thurs, Aug 6 - Fri, Aug 7 (9am - 4:30pm)	Virtual Leadership Academy via Zoom	Management Team
Beginning Week of Aug 10th	Chromebook Distribution Events	Principals Coordinate

<p>Mon - Tues (9-11am & 2-5pm) @ VDM</p> <p>Thurs & Fri (9-11am & 2-5pm) @ Willow)</p> <p>Friday Late Hours (5-7pm @ Willow)</p>		<p>w/ Ed Services (Colom & Gonzalez) & Technology Director</p>
<p>Mon, Aug 10 & Tues, Aug 11</p>	<p><i>Optional</i> Professional Development for Certificated Re: Distance Learning Academy</p>	<p>Education Services & School Technology Leads</p>
<p>Tues, Aug 11 @ 9am & 5pm</p>	<p>Virtual Parent & Student Distance Learning Academy Orientations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation posted on district YouTube channel • Slides posted on district website 	<p>Colom & Gonzalez & Mr. Lewis</p>
<p>Wed, Aug 12th (8-11am & Noon-3pm)</p>	<p>Virtual Districtwide Welcome Back Staff Event & Professional Development via Zoom</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation posted on district YouTube channel 	<p>Presenters: Extended Cabinet & Board Members</p> <p>Participants: All Staff</p>
<p>Thurs, Aug 13th</p>	<p>½ Day AM PD + ½ Day Teacher Prep</p> <p>Principals & Directors: Welcome Back Staff Meetings - AM Only (Elementary: 8-11:15am; Middle School: 7:30-10:45am)</p>	
<p>Fri, Aug 14th</p>	<p>Full Day Teacher Prep</p>	
<p>Thurs, Aug 13th</p>	<p>Virtual Board Meeting @ 5pm</p>	<p>Management</p>
<p>Mon, Aug 17th</p>	<p>First Day of School for Students</p>	<p>All</p>
<p>Aug 17 - End of Sept 2020</p> <p>Oct 2020: Check State & County Health Orders to Determine if Schools are Able to Reopen</p>	<p>Distance Learning Academy for ALL Students</p>	<p>All Schools</p>

DRAFT COVID-19 PREVENTION PLAN FOR SCHOOLS

Our gratitude is extended to the district’s Reopening of Schools Task Force as they worked through summer to ensure that our district has a detailed safety plan for our schools. The Task Force utilized the guidance from the California Department of Public Health, the California Department of Education and the county health department as the foundation for safely reopening our schools. Recently, the county health department and the San Diego County Office of Education updated the COVID safety plan template for schools. Our district’s Executive Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Manuela Colom provided the following draft of our district’s COVID-19 Prevention Plan for District/Schools at the board meeting on July 28th.

Please click on the link to view the COVID-19 Prevention Plan for District/Schools:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1435nl_XfxaJKaO2JGVA38CgJvM_gMWQHdl1NM8qZp40/edit?usp=sharing

The next iteration of the COVID-19 Prevention Plan will be brought to the August 13th board meeting and then will be posted on the district and individual school websites. Note, the county of San Diego's health department in conjunction with the San Diego County Office of Education have noted that the template will continue to be updated based on changes made within future state and county health official guidance and orders. Thus, the district and schools will continue to update this safety plan based on changing health official guidance as it is released.

COVID 19-UPDATES, SCHOOLS REOPENING INFORMATION & RESOURCES

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https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Nr1gcRz0kb0ldv5tSfUV2pA8_JyOxCGx/view?usp=sharing

San Diego County K-12 Schools Telebriefing (Dated 8-4-20)
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1F3AaL_1vgvVprblrJ2RsX2CkjX5XVz2SZ/view?usp=sharing

CDE's FAQ Regarding Distance Learning (Dated 8-6-20)
Please review CDE's recently released FAQs regarding distance learning. Please pay particular attention to Question 18.
<https://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/cr/dl/distlearningfaqs.asp>

REGULAR VIRTUAL ZOOM BOARD MEETING: Thurs., August 13th @ 5pm - Change of Location - Virtual Zoom Board Meeting

On Thursday, August 13th 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.

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. Registration Link:
<https://www.sysdschools.org/Page/1057>

VIRTUAL PARENT & STUDENT DISTANCE LEARNING ACADEMY ORIENTATION

