



District Highlights

Week of September 18, 2020



SUPERINTENDENT

Gina Potter, Ed.D.

JANUARY 2021 LAUNCH OF BLENDED LEARNING PROGRAM OPTION

On September 17th during a regular board meeting, our district determined that the launch of the Blended Learning Program option will be phased in for all schools in January 2021, with permission from our state and county health officials. COVID safety concerns specific to our district's geographic region served as a key factor in the latter decision. The Blended Learning Program will provide in-person instruction two days per week at school for students with online academic programming for the other three days per week. Our district will continue to offer a robust Distance Learning Academy for all students districtwide through December 18, 2020. In January 2021, students will either participate in the Blended Learning Program or the Distance Learning Academy based on family choice.

All schools have sent out a **Family Survey #3** asking families to determine if they prefer their child/ren remain in the Distance Learning Academy until the end of the school year (June 2021) or if they prefer their child/ren participate in the Blended Learning Program when it becomes available. Due to staffing limitations our district is not able to ensure that space will be available for parents to switch their child/ren to a different instructional program between January to June 2021. Approximately 64% of our families have completed this survey as of September 21st... thank you! Schools will be contacting families the weeks of September 21st and September 28th who have not yet responded to ensure we have their instructional program preference. The district asks that all responses be received **no later than Friday, October 2nd** so our district can make staffing plans accordingly.

In October 2020, our district will offer a free virtual tutoring program for all students districtwide. Parents and teachers may refer students to participate in the tutoring program. Please stay posted for the virtual tutoring program application. The YMCA will provide the virtual tutoring program to our students.

Also in October 2020, our district will open a limited in-person day program for elementary and middle school students. This program will support students with logging into their classes throughout the school day and will provide both breakfast and lunch meals to students. Applications will be available soon. The criteria for qualifying for this program will be indicated on the applications.

All school offices and the district offices are now open to provide support to families at least 4 hours per day. School office hours schedules are in the chart below. For safety reasons, families and staff are required to follow the county health department's COVID safety guidelines when coming to any school or district facility: 1) Wear a face mask; 2) Social distance at a minimum of 6 feet; 3) Do not come if you have COVID or any COVID symptoms; and 4) Wash your hands frequently.

VIRTUAL PRESS CONFERENCE WITH PARENT INSTITUTE FOR QUALITY EDUCATION (PIQE), AT&T AND SYSD ANNOUNCING THE DISTANCE LEARNING AND FAMILY CONNECTIONS FUND

On Tuesday, September 15th Board President, Humberto Gurmilan, and Superintendent, Dr. Gina Potter, had the pleasure of participating in a virtual press conference to acknowledge and thank PIQE & AT&T for their generous donation of 30 tablets to thirty of our district parents. We are also fortunate to be recipients of part of the \$100,000 donation given to PIQE to help California families transition to Distance Learning during this COVID-19 pandemic. The Virtual Press Conference announced and highlighted AT&T's Distance Learning and Family Connections Fund created to provide parents, students and teachers tools they need. The fund also provides resources to maintain meaningful connections and bonding opportunities for those isolated from family and friends.

PIQE hopes this is the beginning of an ongoing relationship with AT&T and other businesses who can help them provide the tools, technology and digital literacy support our families need to better support their children at home and continue to support and build relationships with their teachers and schools.

PIQE and SYSD have a great story to share on how when we prioritize families we can create a stronger system of support. PIQE will be using these funds to create one-to-one support for SYSD families to help bridge them to resources and better understand and navigate the digital world. Once onboarded to a virtual platform and then through our curriculum, we help build a virtual community where families, teachers and support resources come together. Our parents are building skills that will not only support them today, but into the future.

Photos from Press Conference on Tuesday 9/15/2020



VIRTUAL BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT SCHEDULE

Please click on the link to view the Virtual Back to School Night Schedule:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1OY2daVx7ZjoaCgkxyMNoWl_oSqz_xkrZvnm6GUWB-9U/edit?usp=sharing

SMYTHE CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER/OVH PRESCHOOL & SUNSET PRESCHOOL - VIRTUAL BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

Parents, students and teachers had an opportunity to interact and learn about the curriculum and expectations for the 2020-2021 school year at the Virtual Back to School Night, Tuesday, September 15th. Congratulations to Mrs. Lorena Varela-Reed, her teachers and staff for organizing and presenting this wonderful event for our parents and community.

Please click on the link to watch the Smythe Child Development Center, OVH Preschool and Sunset Preschool School Virtual Back to School Night presentation:

- Director, Lorena Varela-Reed, Introduction & Presentation: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dze3tLl8FU>



REGULAR VIRTUAL ZOOM BOARD MEETING: Thurs., Oct. 15th @ 5pm - Change of Location - Virtual Zoom Board Meeting

On Thursday, October 15th beginning at 5:00 p.m. there will be a Regular Board Meeting. This governing board meeting will be held virtually.

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 MANAGEMENT TEAM MEMBER CONTACT INFORMATION

Our school, department and district administrators are here to help support students, families and staff. If you need help or have a question please contact either your child's teacher, your immediate supervisor, call the school/department office and leave a voice message for a return call within 24 business hours, or a school/department administrator by email or work phone. Contact information for our dedicated administrative team is below and they are committed to working to try to respond to your voice message or email within 24 hours on business days.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/e/2PACX-1vTF2MSFXFZozUlbgxeLCRGdp08jY5CiMQ4jbghjneNfCMMArufxPI47l658DynvO0QxpegX5qriMbNx/pub>

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

LEARNING CONTINUITY AND ATTENDANCE PLAN

The Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan was designed to provide district level information for how student learning continuity will be addressed during COVID 19 crisis during the 20-21 school year. This plan will replace the LCAP for the 2020-2021 school year, please click the link to see the plan:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1OLqJ-VPkkggrjUUC5fixFQCKiJDFHe/view?usp=sharing>

The plan was approved by the School Board and will be linked on the district website and will be available in Spanish and English.

2020-21 AMENDED INSTRUCTIONAL PHASES TIMELINE

During the September 17th board meeting our district amended the 2020-2021 instructional phases timeline which is described in the chart below. The highlights included: extending the Distance Learning Academy for all students through December of 2020 for geographic region COVID safety reasons; opening virtual tutoring, limited in person childcare, and assessment as required for specific groups in October of 2020; and in January of 2021 launching the Blended Learning Academy. Note, the district is in the process of determining the beginning date for our Pathways sports program.

PHASE I	PHASE II	PHASE III
DISTANCE LEARNING ACADEMY (All Students)	DISTANCE LEARNING ACADEMY (All Students) & VIRTUAL TUTORING OPTION (October 2020) & POSSIBLE ASES/CHILDCARE LIMITED OPTION Pending state & county health care guidelines. (DATE: TBD) In-person opportunities for assessment and supports for targeted, specialized groups as required.	2 INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM OPTION CHOICES: DISTANCE LEARNING ACADEMY & LAUNCH OPTIONAL BLENDED LEARNING PROGRAM
DATES: Elementary Schools: August 17th-September 30th Middle Schools: August 17th-September 30th	DATES: Elementary Schools: October 1st-December 18th *Adjustment student placement at 2nd Trimester(Nov. 9th) to coincide with Distance Learning or Blended Learning Choice Middle Schools: October 1st-December 18th	DATE: Elementary Schools: January 2021: Phased in Approach Middle Schools: January 2021: Phased in Approach
All phases aligned with State & County Health Officials guidance on safe reopening.		

EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY UPDATE: CONNECTIVITY

The department has been focused on ensuring student access to the digital platform through the distribution of Chromebooks, internet support, hotspots, and technology troubleshooting for parents and families. The chart shows the progress we have made with meeting these goals and the anticipated timeline to be at 1:1 devices and access for all students.

Action	Progress
Chromebook Distribution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3,200 devices distributed Delivery of 2,171 chromebooks to arrive and be ready for distribution by TBD
Tablet Distribution	130 devices being processed to be distributed to our Preschool program students beginning next week
Internet Connectivity	1,050 Hotspots are being processed and entered into system for distribution, to families identified to be living in areas with limited or no service to be available; and for families within other specific categories
Technology Support	Support for Families provided by Tech Department and Resource Teachers

Additionally, the department has been focused on supporting teachers with instructional technology issues. This work includes an upgrade of Google Suite products to Google Enterprise which will include more features in Google Meets for teachers to use during instruction. The department has also ordered logitech cameras and HP laptops to replace the devices that are currently checked out to teachers. The chart below gives you a snapshot of the timeline for this work:

Action	Anticipated Completion Date
Update to Google Enterprise	Board approved contract 09.17.2020; Upgrade TBD
Logitech Cameras	Delivery of 320 cameras to arrive and be ready for distribution by TBD
HP Laptops	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 103 HP laptops arrived and will be ready for distribution next week. This first order of laptops will be distributed to teachers as soon as they are processed. 250 additional laptops will be ordered for staff.
Technology & Work Orders	Ongoing by Tech Department
Educational Technology Support	Support for Families provided by Tech Department and Resource Teachers

IT HELP LINE & SCHOOL SITE SUPPORT

Who to Contact?

Technical Support

- Chromebooks @ Home Program web page
- itsupport@sysdschools.org
- (619) 454-0897

School Site Support

PreSchool and Child Development Center (CDC)

Eugenia Teodoro
Eugenia.Teodoro@sysdschools.org
 (619) 428-2352

La Mirada Elementary

Jorge Cervantes
Jorge.Cervantes@sysdschools.org
 (619) 428-4424 ext. 3497

Ocean View Hills Elementary

Elizabeth Perez
Elizabeth.Moreno@sysdschools.org
 (619) 661-0457 ext. 3897

Smythe Elementary

Sylvia Lugo
Sylvia.Lugo@sysdschools.org
 (619) 428-4447 ext. 3597

Sunset Elementary

Maria Elena Hernandez
Maria.E.Hernandez@sysdschools.org
 (619) 428-1148 ext. 3697

Willow Elementary

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Maria.Gomez@sysdschools.org
 (619) 428-2231 ext. 3797

San Ysidro Middle School

Lupita Barrera
Guadalupe.Barrera@sysdschools.org
 (619) 428-5551 ext. 3297

Vista del Mar Middle School

Cristina D'Oleire
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 (619) 661-6753 ext. 3997

HUMAN RESOURCES

SYSD OFFICE SCHEDULE SEPTEMBER 21-25

All SYSD offices are now open for at least 4 hours per day. Each site's office hours can be found on the following chart.

District & School Offices Open for Family Support					
	Campus Hours of Operation				
Location	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
District Office	8am - 12pm	8am - 12pm	8am - 12pm	8am - 12pm	8am - 12pm

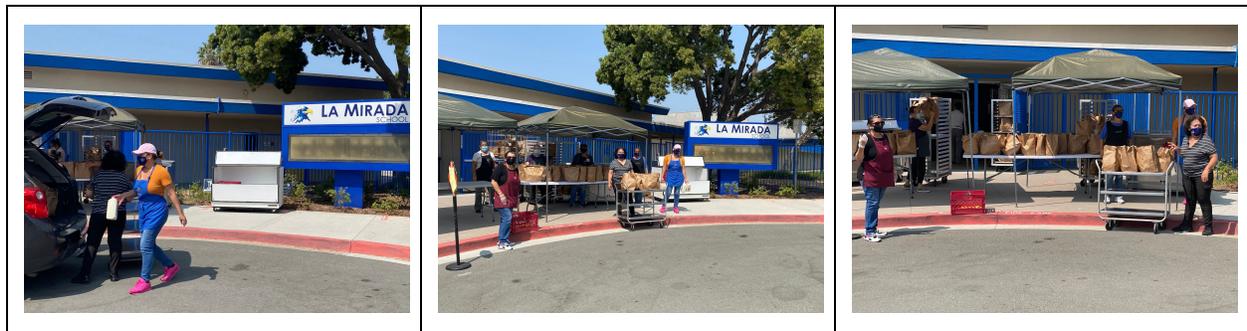
CDC	8am - 12:30pm				
VDM	9am - 1pm				
SYMS	8:30am - 12:30pm				
Willow	8am - 12pm				
Smythe	8am - 2pm				
La Mirada	8:30am - 12:30pm				
Sunset	7:30am - 1pm				
OVHS	8am - 12:20pm				

BUSINESS SERVICES

FREE MEAL PROGRAM FOR ALL CHILDREN 1 TO 18 YEARS OLD IN SAN YSIDRO/SERVICIO DE COMIDAS GRATIS PARA NIÑOS DE 1 A 18 AÑOS EN SAN YSIDRO

USDA’s Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) is extending a suite of nationwide waivers for the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) and Seamless Summer Option (SSO) through the end of 2020, or until available funding runs out. This includes allowing SFSP and SSO meals to be served in all areas and at no cost; permitting meals to be served outside of the typically-required group settings and meal times; waiving meal pattern requirements as necessary; and allowing parents and guardians to pick-up meals for their children.

Photos of the food distribution at La Mirada Elementary on Wednesday 9/15/2020



FREE MEAL PROGRAM FOR ALL CHILDREN 1 TO 18 YEARS OLD IN SAN YSIDRO

Free breakfast & lunch will be distributed for ALL CHILDREN 1 to 18 years old **one day each week at 3 school sites**. Multiple days' worth of meals will be distributed each week. The schedule will be as follows:

<u>Date & Time</u>	<u>School Sites</u>
Every Wednesday 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Willow Elementary La Mirada Elementary San Ysidro Middle School

Meals for each child will include breakfast and lunch for multiple days. **Student is NOT required to be present to pick up their meals.**

Meals will be served in a “Grab and Go” style. Please wear a face covering when picking up your meals.

SERVICIO DE COMIDAS GRATIS PARA NIÑOS DE 1 A 18 AÑOS EN SAN YSIDRO

El desayuno y almuerzo gratis se distribuirán a TODOS LOS NIÑOS de 1 a 18 años **un día a la semana en 3 escuelas**. Se distribuirán comidas para varios días cada semana. El horario será el siguiente:

<u>Día y Hora</u>	<u>Sitio de la escuela</u>
Cada miércoles 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Willow Elementary La Mirada Elementary San Ysidro Middle School

Las comidas para cada niño incluirán desayuno y almuerzo por varios días. **NO se requiere que el estudiante(s) esté presente para recoger sus comidas.**

Las comidas se servirán al estilo “Grab and Go”, donde la persona recoge los alimentos y se retira. Favor de usar un cubrebocas al recoger su comida.

NEWS & COMMUNITY RELATIONS

MEDIA UPDATE

Photo of NBC7's Rory Devine interviewing Willow Elementary parent, Wendy Barrientos, on Tuesday, 9/15/20

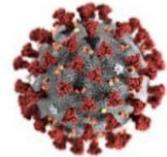


- NBC7 News: County Sends WiFi Hotspots to San Ysidro Families With Internet Connectivity Challenges (Aired 9-15-20)
<https://www.nbcsandiego.com/news/local/county-sends-wifi-hotspots-to-san-ysidro-families-with-internet-connectivity-challenges/2406167/>

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



San Ysidro
 School District **EST - 1887**
 QUALITY EDUCATION AND OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL STUDENTS TO SUCCEED



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

**Book your appt
 by calling 211
 or online at
 211sandiego.org**

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 San Ysidro Port of Entry PedEast and Tubman-Chavez Community Center)** at the following locations:

 **Walk-Up Site**
  **Drive-Up Site**
  **No Appt Site**

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| | <p><u>San Ysidro Civic Center</u>
 212 West Park Ave
 San Ysidro, CA 92173
 Hours: Tuesday – Saturday
 7 AM - 7 PM</p> | | <p><u>San Ysidro Port of Entry PedEast</u>
 795 E San Ysidro Blvd
 San Ysidro, CA 92173
 Hours: Monday – Friday
 6:30 AM - 12:00 PM</p> |
| | <p><u>Kimball Senior Center</u>
 1221 D Avenue
 National City, CA 91950
 Hours: Tuesday - Saturday
 7:00 AM - 7:00 PM</p> | | <p><u>Euclid Health Center</u>
 292 Euclid Avenue
 San Diego, CA 92114
 Hours: Saturdays
 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM</p> |
| | <p><u>Chula Vista (Old Sears building)</u>
 565 Broadway
 Chula Vista, CA 91910
 Hours: Tuesday - Saturday
 7:00 AM - 7:00 PM</p> | | <p><u>St. Anthony's of Padua Parking Lot</u>
 410 W 18th St
 National City, CA 91950
 Hours: Sunday
 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM</p> |
| | <p><u>Aquatica San Diego</u>
 2052 Entertainment Cir
 Chula Vista, CA 91911
 Hours: Monday – Friday
 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM</p> | | <p><u>County Fire – Bonita Fire Station</u>
 4900 Bonita Road
 Bonita, CA 91902
 Hours: September 16
 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM</p> |
| | <p><u>Mar Vista High School</u>
 505 Elm Avenue
 Imperial Beach, CA 91932
 Hours: Monday – Friday
 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM</p> | | <p><u>Tubman-Chavez Community Center</u>
 415 Euclid Avenue
 San Diego, CA 92114
 Hours: Monday – Sunday
 8:30 AM – 5:30 PM</p> |