

## Schools Fully Reopening For New School Year

Dear SYSD Families,

I want to express my sincere gratitude to our parents and guardians, for your patience, resilience and collaboration in working **TOGETHER** during this unprecedented time of the pandemic. Our teachers and staff have been focused on providing the best possible education for your child through our Distance Learning Academy and Hybrid Learning Program. Our district is so proud of our students for achieving over 94% attendance district wide and for continuing to work hard on their academics during this challenging school year.

San Diego County, the state and nation are heading in the right direction with COVID case rates continuing to drop and remaining low. Our San Ysidro Community now has one of the county's highest rates of vaccination. This has helped to decrease COVID cases significantly in our region.

**The new 2021-22 school year is scheduled to begin on Monday, July 26th.** Our Governing Board has taken action to fully reopen our schools for the new year and to offer two instructional programs, if allowable by the state and county health departments: 1) Full In Person Instruction 5 days/wk; and a 2) Virtual Learning Academy. While the district strongly encourages families to select full in person instruction at school for their child's learning, we understand that a few families may prefer to have their child continue online learning due to the COVID pandemic and other factors. Note, emerging student achievement data at the state and national levels indicate that **students learning in person at school show stronger academic success rates.**

According to Governor Gavin Newsom, California's economy is slated to fully reopen on June 15. The "tier" system, which had an impact on our schools, will no longer be utilized in our state. Safety remains a top priority at our schools as our district will continue to implement school safety protocols aligned with the California Department of Public Health guidance.

While we look forward to bringing all of our staff members and the vast majority of our students back for traditional in-person instruction for the 2021-22 school year, we understand some families prefer to have their students remain home for virtual instruction. Each school recently sent an important survey to families to select their instructional preference between in person and virtual learning for their child next year. The survey results will assist us with staffing an instructional model to serve students who wish to remain on virtual learning next school year. It is important to note that our

district's **Virtual Academy next year will require parents/guardians and students to sign a Virtual Learning Contract which serves as a commitment to positive school attendance and academic proficiency.** The district does not recommend students who struggled with attendance and/or academics this year continue within a virtual learning program next school year.

**School registration** for the 2021-22 school year is now available on our district website by clicking on [Online Registration](#). Please register your child for school as soon as possible and contact your child's school office for registration support.

Our **Summer Program**, The Superhero In You!, will be offered from June 15th - July 2nd. A flyer with the details was recently sent via email. The program provides breakfast and lunch for each participating student and includes a field trip every week! All necessary COVID-19 safety measures and protocols will be implemented. Registration is now open and ends on May 31st. **Space is limited!** Please register as soon as possible by clicking [HERE](#).

It was recently announced that **all children 12 years old and above are now eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccination.** Please click on the [San Diego County COVID-19 Information](#) website for further details and to schedule an appointment.

We are excited to welcome back students to our classrooms for the new school year on July 26th! We look forward to a safe, productive and educational 2021-22 school year.

Sincerely,

Gina Potter, Ed.D.  
Superintendent