



August 21, 2020

Dear SBCSC families,

The hard work and collaboration our students, teachers, and parents have shown in recent weeks is truly remarkable. I know that this is a challenging time for all of you. Nevertheless, I continue to see so many of you working harder and more closely than ever before, in ways that you, as educators or parents, never imagined. For the outpouring of support you provide our students and one another, thank you.

In addition to our teachers, I would also like to recognize the work of our IT staff at the Edison Tech Services building. They have gone above and beyond for our families, distributing and repairing Chromebooks, assisting with PowerSchool, Google Classroom, and much more. Some 16,000 Chromebooks have been distributed to our families, with lines of cars wrapping around the building as parents wait to receive devices. I'd like to thank our parents for their patience as well. In these early weeks of remote learning, we know more than ever the importance of your role in your child's education. We recognize the sacrifices many of you are making to support your children right now. Remember that we have 17 food distribution sites and 35 Wi-Fi buses around the city to help support you. This information and more is available on our website. Please know that we are grateful, and will continue working with you to be as accommodating as possible.

We spoke with a number of you in person this week at our outdoor Strategic Plan Community Input Meetings. Such conversations during these difficult times hearten the work that we do as a district and remain an important part of our vision for the future. We're grateful for the input and conversations we've had so far, and I hope to see more of you next week. We'll be at the Kroc Center at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 25, and then at La Casa De Amistad on the morning of Thursday, August 27 at 9 a.m. Please join us.

Remember, this Monday, August 24, eLearning schedules will shift to extended eLearning, which aligns with a normal school day schedule. That schedule is 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. for elementary students, and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for middle and high school students. Everything you need to know about eLearning is available at sb.school.

Lastly, please remember to mask up, wash your hands, and practice social distancing. I know that together, we can slow the spread of the virus through our consideration for one another.

Again, thanks for another great week of serving our students. Have a restful weekend, and take care.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Todd Cummings".

C. Todd Cummings, Ph.D.
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