



SAN MATEO- FOSTER CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update Friday, May 22, 2020

Message Summary:

This message includes:

- Thank you to our Classified Staff with [Resolution](#) and thank you [video](#)
- [Virtual Coffee Chat](#): Next Date, May 27, 7-8:30 pm (extended 30 Minutes)
- Distance Learning Survey: Currently closed pending review
- Summer Program: Limited program due to COVID-19 restrictions
- SEDAC: Invitation to participate in Workgroups, give input on draft bylaws and attend their next meeting, Tuesday, June 2, 7:00 pm
- Assistance for Families: Disaster Relief for Immigrants ([English](#) | [Spanish](#)) and [Pandemic-EBT](#)
- Save the Date: June 12, 7:00–7:15 pm for “MAKE SOME NOISE,” a multi-city celebration honoring all fifth, eighth and twelfth graders. More info coming soon.
- [SMFC Education Foundation](#) earns over \$113,000 on their way to their \$260,000 goal.

Dear San Mateo-Foster City School District Families,
Just a few short thoughts and reminders before the Memorial Day weekend.

Thank You to Our Classified Staff

We are truly grateful to each of our Classified Staff who contribute so much to our students, families and fellow staff, and who have gone “above and beyond” during the COVID-19 pandemic. Our celebration of Classified School Employee Appreciation Week included the reading of a [Resolution](#) by the Board of Trustees, the viewing of [this video](#) honoring our Classified Employees, and focus on them this week during our ongoing #31DaysOfGratitude campaign on Facebook and Instagram (@smfcsd). Don't forget to follow us! You can find it all on our [Staff Appreciation web page](#).

Superintendent Rosas's Virtual Coffee Chats & FAQs

Thank you to everyone who joined the May 19 Virtual Coffee Chat. The next one is Wednesday, May 27, and we'll extend the meeting 30 minutes (from 7:00 – 8:30 pm) to meet the volume of questions. See the updated info, login instruction and more on our [Coffee Chat web page](#).

We're also preparing Frequently Asked Questions in response to many questions we've received and we'll make them available on our website. Please know that answers may change over time, especially with respect to fall reopening. We are developing our plans in these uncertain times in consultation with the County Health Officer and the San Mateo County Office of Education. I will share what I know as these plans take shape.



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Distance Learning Family Survey

Thank you for your inquiries regarding the Distance Learning Family Survey. It is currently closed pending review.

Summer Program

We hoped to provide a robust summer school program, however, there are very strict guidelines for summer programming which limits our options. As a result, we will provide a limited program. It will include ESY for students who have this program on their IEP's and a general education program for about 130 general education students. We will reach out directly to families who will be involved in summer programming.

Special Education District Advisory Committee (SEDAC)

The SEDAC is seeking participation for four workgroups aimed at helping to address the recommendations of the Special Education audit. The workgroups are: Inclusionary Practices, Communications/Outreach, Parent Education and SEDAC Development; a description of each workgroup is on the [SEDAC web page](#). SEDAC seeks participants from multiple schools and grade levels to ensure workgroups represent all students with IEPs and Section 504 plans and all District parents and staff are welcome to participate. To join the workgroups, please complete the SEDAC Workgroup form found at the bottom of the [SEDAC website](#). SEDAC welcomes your input on their [draft bylaws](#); please provide your input on [this Google form](#). In addition, their next meeting is Tuesday, June 2, 7:00 pm. Zoom links will be provided next week. If you have any questions or would like more information on SEDAC, please email [Chairperson Amy Fickenscher](#).

Assistance for Families

Last Friday we shared information about **California Disaster Relief for Immigrants**. Applications opened on Monday, May 18, and we heard the phones are very busy. If this applies to you or someone you know, please keep trying as this benefit will only be available until the funds run out. Details of the program are available here ([English](#) | [Spanish](#)).

This week we also sent information on the new food benefit for children receiving, or eligible to receive, free and reduced-price meals at school. It is called the **Pandemic EBT (P-EBT)**. Many families will NOT need to apply and may have already received their cards in the mail. For those that do need to apply, the application deadline is Tuesday, June 30. Learn more on our [Pandemic-EBT web page](#).

Save the Date for a Community “MAKE SOME NOISE” Celebration for our Fifth and Eighth Graders

We will soon share information about “MAKE SOME NOISE,” a way for you and your family to join a multi-city recognition of graduates from local public and private high schools, middle schools and elementary schools—safely while sheltering at home. Mark your calendars for **Friday evening, June 12, from 7:00 - 7:15 pm** to whoop and holler, applaud, yell, stomp your feet, bang a pot and spoon, whistle, sing, play an instrument...all in the name of our graduates! More information coming soon.



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SMFC Education Foundation

The Ed Foundation's campaign to support the District's efforts to Close the Digital Divide has raised over \$113,000 of their goal to \$260,000. Thank you to all of our generous donors. The Ed Foundation continues to accept donations; learn more at www.smfcedfund.org.

Next Steps

Over the next couple of weeks, we will provide further information about picking up and dropping off items at school sites and fall reopening plans.

Wishing you a restful Memorial Day weekend,
Dr. Joan Rosas
Superintendent