



BOARD OF EDUCATION

Vicki King, Esq., *President*
Debra H. Schade, Ph.D., *Vice President*
Gaylin Allbaugh, *Clerk*
Dana King, *Member*
Julie Union, *Member*

SUPERINTENDENT

Jodee Brentlinger

August 9, 2021

Dear Solana Beach School District Families,

Welcoming back students, staff, and families to a new school year never sounded or felt so good to communicate as it does for 2021-22. I trust your time away has been enjoyable, renewing, adventurous, and interwoven with fun and relaxation; reinvigorating you all for the beginning of what will be a terrific school year.

SBSD staff has been busy this summer completing facilities and technology projects, finalizing hiring, putting the finishing touches on getting our schools ready for everyone's return, and providing professional development for all staff. We have missed physically connecting with each other and our families and are elated to have all SBSD students begin school, five days a week, beginning Monday, August 16, 2021.

As we enter 2021-22, we are excitedly preparing to incorporate our memorable mission and vivid vision into all that we do. We are eager to see the many diverse and creative ways our students will demonstrate their wonder, discovery, voice, and talents. I have complete confidence the results will inevitably advance the world making it a better place for all. Throughout the year, I will be sharing the many contributions our students and staff are producing which demonstrate our commitment to live out our memorable mission and vivid vision.

We are also grateful that for in-person learning, required health and safety measures enable school to look, feel, and sound more familiar while still affording multiple and important layers of protection for students and staff. Please see the information below outlining 2021-22 health and safety mitigation measures schools will be following per the California Department of Public Health.

In addition, please find the most current information pertaining to student data confirmation and teacher assignment, back-to-school teacher meet and greets, child nutrition, traffic safety, and environmental awareness.

I look forward to personally visiting each classroom on August 16, 2021, to welcome all our new and returning students. I have no doubt this year will be complete with academic and personal successes and many memorable experiences.

Sincerely,

Jodee Brentlinger, Superintendent

2021-22 Health and Safety Measures

While there is much to celebrate about returning to in-person learning this school year, there remains continued vigilance in protecting students and staff especially in light of the recent delta variant. While all adults have the opportunity to be vaccinated, our students under age 12 do not have that option as of now. SBSB will maintain layered mitigation efforts (facial coverings, hand hygiene, ventilation) per CDPH recommendations. In order to maintain healthy and safe environments for all our students and staff, please review the important information below.

- **Facial Coverings:** There has been ample media coverage recently surrounding the use of facial coverings in K-12 classroom settings. It is important to understand that all schools (public, private, and charter) are required to follow California Department of Public Health (CDPH) directives which currently mandate all students and staff, regardless of vaccination status, wear facial coverings when indoors (medical exemptions excluded). This includes all areas within a school building. However, at this time, facial coverings are optional for students and staff when outdoors.
- **Physical Distancing:** The CDPH has removed the requirement to maintain physical distancing in classrooms and outside. SBSB will continue utilizing three (3) feet of distancing between student chairs when practical.
- **Class Sizes:** For the 2021-22 school year, SBSB will continue to staff classrooms with a student-to-teacher ratio of 20:1 in grades K-3 and 25:1 in Grades 4-6 whenever possible. Some classes may exceed those ratios to reduce combination classes and keep siblings together at one school site.
- **Expanded Stable Groupings:** Stable groupings of students will be expanded to include up to three (3) classrooms. This increase supports the social-emotional well-being of students by expanding their outdoor peer group interactions while still allowing staff to support contact tracing and possible quarantine needs.
- **Outdoor Learning Spaces:** Whenever possible, schools will continue to support the utilization of outdoor learning spaces to allow for mask removal and increase fresh air access.
- **Health Screenings:** SBSB will no longer perform active health screenings for students before school. Students, with family support, will self-monitor each morning prior to coming to school. Students exhibiting any COVID or flu-like symptoms must not come to school.
- **COVID Testing:** SBSB has enrolled in the California K-12 Testing Program which will provide Asymptomatic Surveillance and Symptomatic and Response Testing. All testing will be offered at each school. Symptomatic and Response testing will be available in the Health Office at school sites as needed with parental/guardian consent.
- **Hygiene Breaks:** Students will continue to have hygiene breaks built into their schedule to continue healthy habits throughout the day.

We look forward to updating our families on resuming parent volunteers, study trips, and assemblies sometime in late September/early October.

Finally, parents/guardians will be asked to sign a 2021-22 Parent/Guardian Health and Safety Agreement as part of their data confirmation process. We thank everyone who will be attending school in-person for your cooperation and support of all health and safety measures. Our goal remains to open school and keep our classrooms open and students in session each and every day for the whole school year.

Please find the most recent CDPH Frequently Asked Questions information [here](#). For new and updated information regarding SBSB health and safety measures, please be sure to regularly visit the [District's website](#).

Student Data Confirmation and Teacher Assignment

Student Data Confirmation is required annually to ensure your student's emergency information and permanent record are current and correct. This includes policy acknowledgments and authorizations via the SBSB Parent Portal. **Completion is required to view your student's teacher assignment, which will be available online beginning Thursday, August 12 after 5:30 p.m.**

Parents/Guardians of new student(s) will receive login information once registration is confirmed by the school office staff. Returning students will use their previously established SBSB Parent Portal account.

Teacher Meet and Greets

On Friday, August 13 *Teacher Meet and Greets* will be held at each of our seven school locations. Returning to SBSB tradition, our schools welcome students the week before school starts with our annual *Mini Open House* events. In order to maintain health and safety guidelines, we have changed the look, but not the intent. This year's *Teacher Meet and Greets* will be held outdoors with classroom teachers assigned at different locations throughout the playground/blacktop areas. Both parents/guardians and students are encouraged to attend these events. Please see below for your school's *Meet and Greet* assignments:

Solana Ranch School 8:30 - Kindergarten & 1st Grade 9:00 - 2nd and 3rd Grades 9:30 - 4th and 5th Grades 10:00 - 6th Grade	Solana Vista School 10:00 - Kindergarten 10:20 - 1st Grade 10:40 - 2nd Grade 11:00 - 3rd Grade	Skyline School <u>Grades 4-6</u> 8:45 - 6th grade 9:25 - 5th grade 9:45 - 4th grade 9:00 - <i>Discovery Lab</i> <u>Global Education</u> 8:45-9:15 - K and K/1st/2nd Leidy and Tillyard 9:05-9:25 - 5th/6th Campbell and Murray 9:15-9:35 - 1st/2nd Courtney and Bostrom 9:35-9:55 - 3rd/4th MacMitchell and Anderson
Solana Santa Fe School 9:10 - Kindergarten & 1st Grade 9:30 - 2nd & 3rd Grades 9:50 - 4th & 5th Grades 10:10 - 6th Grade	ImmersiveEDU Zoom Meet and Greet will be held Thursday, August 12 at 10:00 a.m. 10:00 ImmersiveEDU materials pick up on August 13	
Solana Pacific School 9:50 - 4th grade 10:15 - 5th grade & Romero 10:40 - 6th grade	Carmel Creek School 8:15 - Kindergarten & 1st Grade 8:45 - 2nd Grade 9:15 - 3rd Grade 9:45 - SDC Classes	Solana Highlands School 9:15 - Kindergarten 1st & 2nd Grades 9:35 - 3rd & 4th Grades and Discovery Labs

Child Nutrition Services

SBSB prides itself on nutritious and delicious scratch meals prepared fresh daily for students. Beginning this year, SBSB is pleased to offer all students free breakfast and lunch each school day for the entirety of the 2021-22 school year as part of the Federal COVID relief legislation and funding. This service applies to all students, regardless of economic status. No application is necessary. Please watch for additional communication from your school principal for details.

Traffic Safety

Traffic around school sites is always of our utmost concern, especially during the start of the school year as families work out new transportation routines. Please be extra attentive and careful when driving around students. Remember, the parking lot/drop-off areas are cell phone-free zones. It is also important for drivers to be considerate of our residential neighbors when approaching, waiting, or parking around schools. Please drive carefully and take care not to block residential driveways, even when waiting inside your vehicle. Please be aware that the Sheriff's department will patrol and ticket violators they observe on public streets and parking lots.

Environmental Awareness

The Solana Beach School District supports environmental awareness at every level of our operation. We are committed to implementing best practices at school sites and our District Office. We continue to encourage employees, students, and families to *Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle*. Issues of environmental awareness are integrated in action and instruction throughout the District. There are several important ways you can support our efforts:

1. Please send your child with a reusable water bottle. All schools have FloWater Filling Stations. This is especially important since the use of drinking fountains will continue to be unavailable until further notice.
2. Please observe the "No Idling Zones" at each of the school sites. When parents sit curbside with car engines running while waiting for student dismissal, it creates a negative impact on both environment and health. By shutting off your car engine when waiting for school to let out, we can provide cleaner air in the immediate pick-up area and increase fuel efficiency at the same time.

As we continue to work with our students to expand these efforts, we look forward to sharing additional measures you can adopt to support environmental awareness.

Upcoming Board of Education Meeting

August 12, 2021, 6:30 p.m.



A Spanish translation prepared by District staff will soon be available on our website.

La traducción al español estará disponible próximamente en nuestro sitio web.

A Chinese translation prepared by District staff will soon be available on our website.

我们即将在学区网站上提供中文的翻译版本