

SOLANA BEACH SCHOOL DISTRICT

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It's A New Kind of School Day for Students, Staff, and Families in the Solana Beach School District as Distance Learning Launches



SOLANA BEACH, CA (March 24, 2020)—As of Monday, March 23, all students in the elementary Solana Beach School District (SBSD) experienced a new kind of school day through distance learning. The online educational experience, which was prepared collaboratively by a team of SBSD teachers and administrators, gives general education students and students with disabilities the tools they need to continue learning from home during these unprecedented circumstances. (Photo,

top left: SBSD students Liam, 6th grade, and Blake, 3rd grade, begin distance learning in their home this week.)

SBSD teachers are using the Seesaw platform and/or Google Classroom as the management systems for distance learning in order to provide some consistency and familiarity as students become oriented. Each child's teacher(s) provided specific details about these learning experiences and how to get started in emails sent first thing on Monday morning. Additionally, the District is providing resources on its website to help support students during the transition.

"I am beyond grateful for the expertise of our instructional and support teams," said Jodee Brentlinger, Superintendent. "The response we have been able to mobilize in such a short period of time is inspiring. We want to provide as much stability as possible for students."

Instructional Services Assistant Superintendent Sabrina Lee noted, "It is truly incredible to see the transition occur. We are gathering feedback from students, parents, and colleagues as we continue to refine and improve upon distance learning."

SBSD officials continue to monitor information about COVID-19 as spring recess, scheduled for April 6-10, approaches. District schools are tentatively scheduled to reopen on April 13 at this time.

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