



Governor Newsom Issues Framework for Reopening Schools Throughout the State



Click on the image above to read more about "COVID-19 and Reopening In-Person Learning Framework for K-12 Schools in California, 2020-2021 School Year"

Following the release of new state guidance for the reopening of schools announced by Governor Gavin Newsom, all California counties on the official COVID-19 monitoring list will begin the 2020-21 school year with distance learning.

As of today, San Bernardino County remains on this list and will follow the state's recommendations that all public, charter and private schools within our county's 33 school districts will offer distance learning to more than 406,000 students in the county as school begins in the fall.

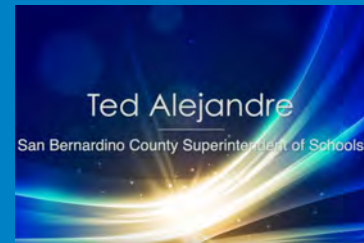
Given the current increase in confirmed COVID-19 cases across our region and hospitalizations statewide, Governor Newsom said that "safety is foundational" for how schools will reopen as we deal with the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

During this time of great transition, our offices have been working collaboratively with County Department of Public Health officials to assist county school districts in the development of school reopening plans. As the academic year progresses, we will continue to monitor updates from the governor's office and the California Department of Education that affect educational instruction in our county.

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Watch County Superintendent Ted Alejandre's Weekly COVID-19 Update



In response to the current COVID-19 pandemic, County Superintendent Ted Alejandre provides weekly updates regarding collective inter-agency COVID-19 response efforts.

View the [video message](#) regarding these important updates.

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Our office is committed to maintaining the health and wellness of our students, staff and communities as we all face this unprecedented educational landscape together. More information on Governor Newsom's new state mandates for education, elementary school waiver provisions and school-based programs can be found [here](#).

A Summer of Outstanding Personal Development Opportunities



Click on the image above to [register](#) for free and view all the content from this year's Southern Region Student Wellness Conference.

This summer, San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools is proud to continue its commitment to offer substantial personal development webinars for education professionals, not only in our immediate regions, but throughout California.

Earlier this month, our annual Southern Region Student Wellness Conference was held virtually due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Despite this year's unique situation, our Innovation and Engagement branch went above and beyond to provide a first-class experience to more than 1,394 attendees from across California. As a participant, I was amazed to learn we had nearly 36,435 total content views that included presentations, student gallery and performances, learning lab, resource fair and brain breaks across the two-day span of the conference.

All content from the conference is still available through October 31 and is free to anyone who [registers here](#).

Each year this conference features impressive and engaging keynote speakers from all areas of expertise and boasts a wide offering of breakout sessions designed to empower and elevate participants knowledge of key areas in education and wellness. This year's conference was truly transformative.

In June, Chief of Equity and Access Cherina Betters, Ed. D., and Intergovernmental Relation's Safety Compliance Manager Daniel Marmolejo, facilitated "[A Watershed Moment: Policing, Protesting and Perspective](#)" the first in a series of equity-focused webinars. Throughout the presentation, over 280 participants joined the webinar to hear from community panelists that included District Attorney Jason Anderson, San Bernardino County; Superintendent Cuauhtémoc Avila, Ed.D., Rialto Unified

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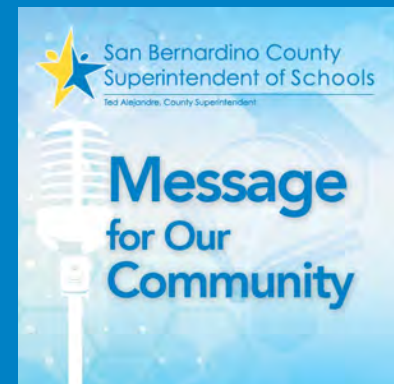
1. Creating a video, telling people why the Census is important to you
2. Copying and pasting the language on this post to your video post
3. And challenging 10 people to join the campaign

Even if you don't have your #2020Census ID number, you can still complete the form! Visit my2020census.gov or call 844-330-2020 to submit your Census today. And as a reminder, Census data is confidential, protected by law, and cannot be shared with any other government agencies, landlords, employers, etc.

[Learn more.](#)

[Watch the info video.](#)

Messages for Our Community



During this unprecedented time in education, San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools has made significant strides in taking advantage of new technologies and partnerships in an effort to maintain strong communication with our community. Our "Message for our Community" audio-casts highlight ongoing efforts to support educators, students and their families.

[Listen here.](#)

School District; Hardy Brown II, San Bernardino County Board of Education, as well as several police chiefs from across the county.

This past week, another webinar in this series, "Schools, Safety and School Resource Officers" was held with more than 170 participants engaged in meaningful dialogue.

The focus of these webinars is to listen and speak to educational stakeholders about the factors at play that impact equitable outcomes for our students in the classroom and beyond. We have and will continue to address the calls for systemic change and social justice within our schools, communities, governing bodies, and legal systems.

Though this is a remarkable and unprecedented time in education, San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools is firmly dedicated to staying at the forefront of new and innovative approaches to connect and uplift professionals in education wherever they are.

The next webinar in this series, "Equity Minded: Challenges Facing Underserved Students" will be held on Thursday, August 27 at 10 a.m.

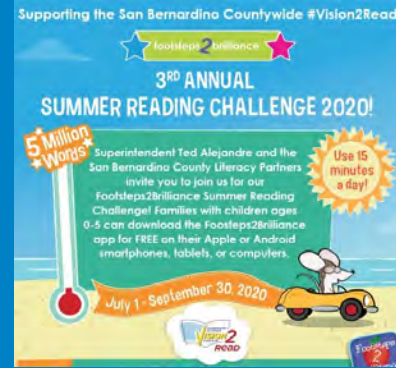
SBCSS and California Office of Emergency Services Partner to Provide PPE to County Districts



SBCSS Business Support Services and Warehouse staff are proud to serve all 33 school districts throughout our county.

Steady progress is being made with the allocation of personal protective equipment (PPE) to all 33 school districts and charter schools within San Bernardino County. With Governor Newsom's recent mandate of having all schools that are on the state-monitoring list begin their 2020-21 academic school year with a distance learning model, the safety of our valued employees and staff while accessing our facilities remains a top priority, therefore, providing PPE equipment is of vital importance.

Our Business Support Services Procurement and Warehouse staff have been working diligently on this project by sorting, packaging and coordinating the distribution of the equipment to our districts and charter schools. Within the past month, the Support Center has received a 60 day supply of PPE that includes seven cases of thermometers, 10 pallets of adult disposable masks, 12 pallets of adult cloth masks, 15 pallets of face shields and 53 pallets of hand sanitizers. We



San Bernardino County Superintendent Ted Alejandre, in collaboration with county literacy partners, invites the public to join the third annual Countywide Vision2Read Summer Reading Challenge that runs through Sept. 30.

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are thankful to the California Office of Emergency Services for providing these supplies.

Michelle Johnson, SBCSS inventory and repair specialist, said “while working on this project, we are doing our best to distribute the PPE supplies as quickly as we can to the districts. Getting them the items that they need to keep their students and staff safe feels like a pretty positive impact on our communities.”

This is just one example of our continued efforts to provide essential services to school districts in San Bernardino County.

I am immensely thankful to see the collective efforts of our SBCSS team working with local communities and state agencies to ensure the continued safety and wellness of our students and staff.
