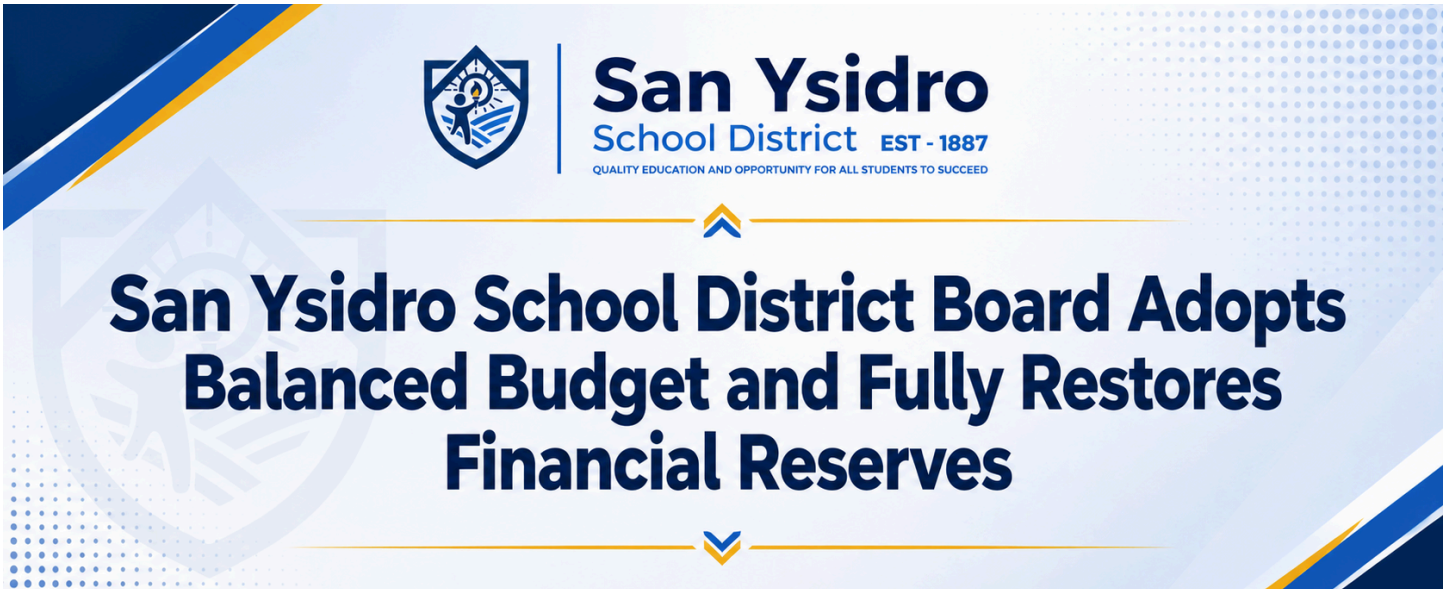



August 3, 2026

Dear Families and Colleagues,

The San Ysidro School District Board of Education has unanimously approved a revised 2026–27 budget that balances the budget and fully restores the District's reserve levels, marking a significant milestone in the District's return to financial stability. The amended budget reflects months of careful fiscal planning, responsible decision-making, and a commitment by the Board of Education and District leadership to restore long-term financial stability while continuing to support high-quality educational opportunities for students.

"This is a proud moment for our entire school community," said Dr. Gina Potter, Superintendent of the San Ysidro School District and school finance expert. "Restoring our reserves and achieving a balanced budget demonstrates what is possible when a governing board and district leadership remain focused on responsible stewardship of public resources."

Board President Irene Lopez shared, "Our work has always been centered on protecting classroom instruction while ensuring the long-term financial health of the District. Today's action reflects that commitment and positions us for a strong future."

The amended budget restores the District's reserves, resulting in a numerically positive budget that is expected to earn a positive certification during the District's First Interim Budget Report in December 2026.

Chief Business Official Marilyn Adrianzen stated, “The District has a strong history of fiscal responsibility, including maintaining positive budget certifications since 2020, with the exception of December 2025’s first interim budget, earning outstanding annual external audit results since 2021, and receiving favorable bond ratings of A2/A3 and bond transparency report card scores of A+/A-.” This past year, the District was navigating broader structural challenges impacting school systems statewide—including declining enrollment, rising educational costs, and federal funding uncertainties—these recent improvements reflect disciplined planning and proactive decision-making. District leaders have worked diligently to implement sustainable financial strategies that protect educational programs while restoring fiscal stability.

“This accomplishment belongs to our Board of Education, our employees, and our community,” Board Vice President Zenaida Rosario shared. “Together, we have made difficult, but necessary decisions that will benefit our students not only today, but for years to come. We remain committed to transparency, accountability, and providing every student with the outstanding education they deserve.”

With the revised budget now adopted, the District will continue implementing its long-term financial plan while maintaining its focus on student achievement, operational excellence, and responsible fiscal management.

Sincerely,

Gina Acosta Potter, Ed.D.
Superintendent