

From the Superintendent's Desk

Weekly Update From Supt. Jerry Almendarez

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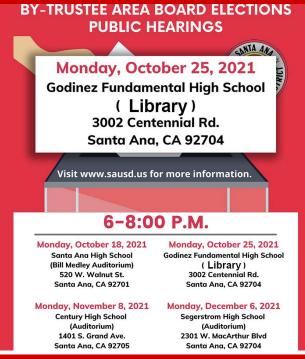


Dear SAUSD community,

Please join us Monday evening at 6 p.m. at Godinez Fundamental High School for another important public hearing on a plan to study the process of establishing Trustee Areas and elections By-Trustee Areas that would take effect commencing with the November 2022 election.

By-Trustee Area voting is a method of electing members to the school board in which candidates must reside within a trustee area and the candidates are elected only by the voters residing in that trustee area. SAUSD currently elects its Board of Education members through an at-large election system. Under this system, candidates for the Board of Education can reside anywhere within SAUSD's boundaries.

Where to draw the trustee area boundaries should reflect the needs and interests of the community. Public input will assist the Board of Education in determining which proposed map best suits the needs of the school district. Here are the upcoming public hearings being held across the District. The public has two more opportunities to participate on November 8 at Century High, and December 6 at Segerstrom High.



Latest News



Vaccinations for children ages 5 and up

Santa Ana Unified School District continues to monitor the latest information for when COVID-19 vaccinations will become available for children ages 5 and up. The District expects that this approval from the FDA will come soon. Once this happens, the District will work with state and local health care agencies to formulate a plan for how to make these vaccines available for children in the SAUSD community.

The District continues to support vaccinations for all eligible populations, along with regular testing and other safety protocols. These are the best weapons to combat this pandemic.

When vaccines do become available for those ages 5 and up, SAUSD plans to work with community partners to offer vaccination clinics at our campuses at no cost to families.

Since vaccinations became available for those ages 12 and higher, SAUSD and its community partners have provided close to 50,000 vaccines.

In the meantime, SAUSD will continue providing weekly COVID-19 testing at every school and District site. We will continue providing information as it becomes available.

COVID-19 Data

Here are the latest COVID-19 positivity rates and trends for zip codes in Santa Ana Source: O.C. Health Care Agency (prepared Oct. 22, 2021)

ZIP code	Population	Case Rate per 100,000 (7-day day average, excluding LTCFs & Inmates)	Testing Positivity Percent (7 day avg. + 7 day lag)
92701	55,137	6	3.4%
92703	68,242	3.8	1.4%
92704	89,021	4.7	3.1%
92705	47,039	6.1	2.6%
92706	37,260	3.8	1.8%
92707	62,175	3.9	3.1%
Orange County Averages		6.6	2.5%

Visit www.sausd.us/covid-resources for free resources and testing information.



Upcoming Board Meeting

Oct. 25 & Oct. 26

- Public session begins at 6 p.m.
- To livestream visit <u>www.sausd.live</u>
- <u>Agenda will be available here</u>



NATIVE AMERICAN FAMILY OUTREACH

SAUSD will be launching into the application period for the Title VI Indian Education Grant and looks forward to hearing from our Native American families. Please join us to share and learn more!





on Zoom. See link below

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