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Weekly Update From Supt. Jerry Almendarez

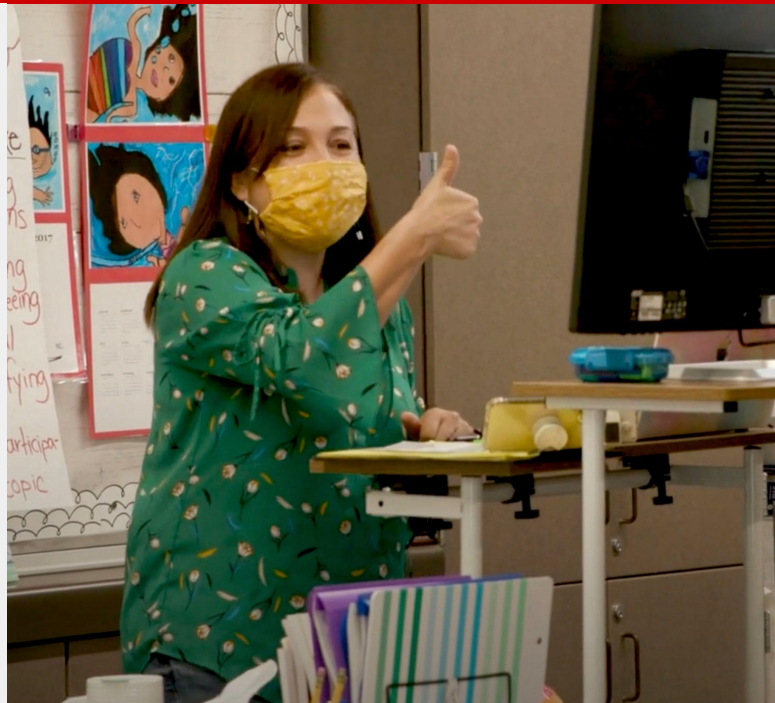
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Dear SAUSD community,

This is National Teacher Appreciation Week. I want to take this opportunity to thank all of our outstanding educators across the district for their work in supporting our students, especially over this past year of unprecedented challenges. Teachers have helped reinvent how we educate children in this new virtual model. Although our students and teachers will be back in classrooms soon, we will continue to incorporate many of the innovations our teachers implemented this past year.

Teachers are not alone in the work we do each day to prepare all students for college and careers. That's why I also want to thank all other SAUSD employees for their dedication to meeting the needs of our students.



Latest News

Vaccines for community and staff

New State guidelines now allow for any individual age 16 and older to receive a Covid-19 vaccination. The District continues to offer each Monday a Pfizer vaccination clinic at Segerstrom High School, 2301 W. MacArthur Blvd., through a partnership with [Rite-Aid](#). Registration information is available by contacting your student's school.

The District has now provided close to 34,000 vaccines for employees and SAUSD community members through all local partnerships. We are working to secure more vaccination opportunities to ensure all our community members have equitable access.

In the meantime, staff and community members can also secure vaccination appointments as they become available through the [Othena app](#), and through clinics such as those offered through [Walgreens](#), [CVS](#), [Albertsons](#), or through their own healthcare provider. More resources on Covid-19 clinics [are available here](#).



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 April 27, 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	55,534	2.1	2%
92703	69,190	3.3	1.2%
92704	90,205	1.4	1.7%
92705	46,883	3	1.8%
92706	37,406	0.8	0.4%
92707	62,894	3.2	3.2%
Orange County Averages		2.6	1.4%

Visit www.sausd.us/coronavirus for free resources and testing information regarding Covid-19.



Virtual forum to honor Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage

A diverse panel of Asian American voices will share personal experiences and perspectives on issues including representation, education and recent anti-Asian incidents across the country during an upcoming online symposium hosted by Orange County Superintendent Dr. Al Mijares.

The event, coinciding with Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month and reflecting the theme “Know My Name, Face and Story,” will take place from 3:30 to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, May 12. Teachers, counselors, administrators, parents and others who educate and support students are encouraged to attend. The May 12 forum is free to those who register in advance at link.ocde.us/AAPI-forum.

Upcoming Board Meeting

May 4

- Closed session begins at 5 p.m.
- [Agenda will be available here](#)

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