



Ask Dr. Rodriguez



Ten Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

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Questions are quoted as I received them directly from our community.

- 1. I want to report bullying at my school and remain anonymous. How do I do that?**
Last year, the district implemented the Sandy Hook Promise anonymous tip reporting for all school sites. To report an anonymous tip, you can use the Mobile app that you can download from the app store (Say Something SHP), or call 1-844-572-9669, or go to the website saysomething.net. Most school sites have the SAY SOMETHING poster with the steps outlined above and the QR code, which will take you directly to an anonymous tip form. Answer the questions and submit your anonymous tip.
- 2. What time will the fireworks be during the SUSD Family Movie Night?**
The SUSD Family Movie Night is on Saturday, September 28th from 6:30-9:00pm. The fireworks will be at the end of the night around 8:45pm after the movie “Sandlot”.
- 3. When will we receive your retro check for the on salary increase for the 2022-2024 school years?**
CSEA 821, CSEA 318, Police, STA, SUSU, USA and Management/Confidential will receive their salary increase retro checks for both 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 on October 11, 2024. Due to different ratification dates, CSEA 885, NUHW and SPPA will receive their salary retro checks for both 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 on November 22, 2024.
- 4. I requested a new slogan SUSD Onward shirt. When will we receive them?**
The SUSD Onward staff shirts have been ordered and they are currently in production. Staff should receive them at their identified work site by Friday, October 18, 2024.
- 5. Will there be childcare and food at the upcoming LCAP Meetings?**
Childcare will be provided to families at all LCAP Meetings in collaboration with our Department of Early Childhood Education and attendees will be provided refreshments provided by our Child Nutrition and Food Services Department.
- 6. I heard that mention at the Board Meeting that you were going to be doing home visits next week. Who will be participating in the visits? What is the purpose of the home visits? Will they continue throughout the year?**

All members of the Extended Cabinet, including myself, will be participating in home visits on September 18th. These home visits are a powerful way for us to connect with students and parents who may feel disconnected from school or face challenges impacting attendance. The purpose is to gather important information, identify barriers to attendance and achievement, and offer support to families. While we begin with this round of visits, additional home visits will be conducted throughout the year by our dedicated Child Welfare and Attendance (CWA) Team to ensure ongoing support for our students and their families. The goal is always to express concern and provide assistance so that students can attend school, learn and receive on-site supports.

7. I see the access controls are in but my site is not using it yet. When will they be operable?

We are gradually releasing the video intercoms to the sites as we complete the installations with new tablets. Tablets will be dedicated devices at each site and configured so that sites can control the system. Sites will receive basic training with each device and follow-up training with additional documentation, such as a PDF on the system's operation and a training video.

All doors with access control during school hours will play the following standard message: "Welcome to (school name) Elementary/High School. Please wait while we connect you to the front office." After-hours message: "Thank you for visiting (school name) Elementary/High School. We are not here at this time. Please come back during school hours."

8. Will SUSD be represented again at the Family Day in the Park event? I think it is important that the District participates with the community.

SUSD will be engaging with the community again this year at the Family Day in the Park event on Saturday, September 21, 2024. We will have teams from Early Childhood Education, Student Services Department, Human Resources and Department of Public Safety. I look forward to reading to the children and connecting with the community.

9. Would it be possible for students to be given a lactose free option to have as an option during breakfast/lunchtime? There are many students who do not their milk due to them being lactose intolerant. It would be great for students to have a lactose free option or a nondairy option to ensure every student is given an opportunity to have a beverage. Hope you can take this into consideration. Thank you for your time

Under the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) requires schools to offer options of fat-free and low-fat milk. In addition, flavored milk must contain no more than 10 grams of added sugars per 8 fluid ounces. The program does not allow for the regular offering of milk substitutions as a regular part of the program. However, our goal is to meet the

needs of our students, therefore, we have a process to request the milk substitution in compliance with the law.

Parents/Guardians can visit our Child Nutrition and Food Services website and print out the Parent Request for Substitute Milk Form, at the following link:

<https://www.stocktonusd.net/site/Default.aspx?PageID=311>

This form can be returned by any of the four methods noted below:

- Mail: Child Nutrition Department at 1944 N. El Pinal Drive, Stockton, CA 95205
- E-mail: targanda@stocktonusd.net
- Returned in person at the student's school front office
- Returned in person to the student's site kitchen

Once submitted and approved, milk substitutions will be ordered. Once the product is received, the substitution would be made available to the student.

10. Is the Educators Thriving just for teachers? I want to go but I am an instructional assistant.

We encourage all SUSD employees, both certificated and classified, to enroll in the Educators Thriving sessions. You can find more information about the program on the following [flier](#). Additionally, this three minute video outlines most of the details about the program. <https://vimeo.com/1004256206/52334d4108> We will have two cohorts this year. The first cohort will begin in October and conclude in January. We have limited space, so I encourage you to apply quickly if it is of interest to you.