

# Annual Report to the Community

2019-20



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FUTURE WITHOUT BOUNDARIES™



**Inspiring  
and leading  
innovation  
in education**





Dear Partner in Education,

The San Diego County Office of Education (SDCOE) is pleased to share our latest annual report. The second part of the 2019-20 school year was not what anyone expected, but our team remained passionate and dedicated, even when physical distancing kept us apart and away from the people we serve. As always, our mission of inspiring and leading innovation in education continued to drive us forward.

SDCOE exists to empower students in the programs we operate as well as those students who attend schools in San Diego County. We build expertise among teachers, principals, and school staff members so they can serve our region's youth. We help parents become advocates for their children. We help break down the barriers that keep students from the success they deserve. And we engage the community as partners so all students thrive now and in the future.

This year, that work continued when the COVID-19 pandemic forced schools and businesses to close in mid-March to prevent the spread of the virus; our efforts just looked a little different. SDCOE's focus shifted to ensuring students' basic needs were met, while also equipping educators and parents with the tools and information they needed to support learning at home.

At SDCOE, we focus on four key areas — equity, innovation, career technical education, and organizational effectiveness — as the pathway to a future without boundaries for every child, regardless of race, disability, ZIP code, or gender. We believe in a future that reflects the best of a diverse San Diego County.

To stay up-to-date on our programs, services, and activities, visit [www.sdcoe.net](http://www.sdcoe.net) or follow @SanDiegoCOE on social media. If you would like to learn more about any subject that's addressed in the report, please don't hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

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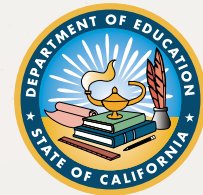
Dr. Paul Gothold  
San Diego County Superintendent of Schools

## The Role of County Offices of Education

California has a three-level system of public education, which includes the California Department of Education, county offices of education, and local school districts. Regulations, funding, and policy decisions are generally established at the state level, while the day-to-day delivery of instruction is the responsibility of the more than 1,000 school districts throughout the state. The 58 county offices of education are the intermediate level of the public education system. County offices provide a support infrastructure for local schools and districts. They also fulfill state mandates to register teacher credentials, complete employee background checks, certify school attendance records, and develop countywide programs to serve students with special needs.

## The Role of the Superintendent of Schools

The San Diego County superintendent of schools, appointed by the County Board of Education, is the chief administrative officer, employer, and developer of programs and services as authorized by state statute or determined by needs or requests. The superintendent also provides educational leadership and administers mandated services. The superintendent has direct oversight responsibilities for approving and assuring school district budgets, calling school district elections, and assisting with school district emergencies by providing necessary services. The superintendent is also tasked with developing a three-year Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) for the schools operated by the County Office, and reviewing and approving the LCAPs for all school districts in San Diego County.





# The Role of the San Diego County Board of Education

The County Board of Education operates under the authority of the California Constitution, the state Legislature, California Education Code, and the State Board of Education. Among other duties, the board is responsible for:

- Adopting the annual County Office of Education Local Control and Accountability Plan and budget
- Adopting policies governing the operation of the board
- Acting as the appeals board for student expulsions, interdistrict transfers, and charter school petitions
- Acting as the County Committee on School District Organization to review and approve proposals to change the way school district governing board members are elected
- Hiring and evaluating the county superintendent and establishing the rate of compensation
- Serving as the landlord and owner of property



Gregg Robinson  
**DISTRICT 1**  
*As of January 2021*



Guadalupe González  
**DISTRICT 2**



Alicia Muñoz  
**DISTRICT 3**



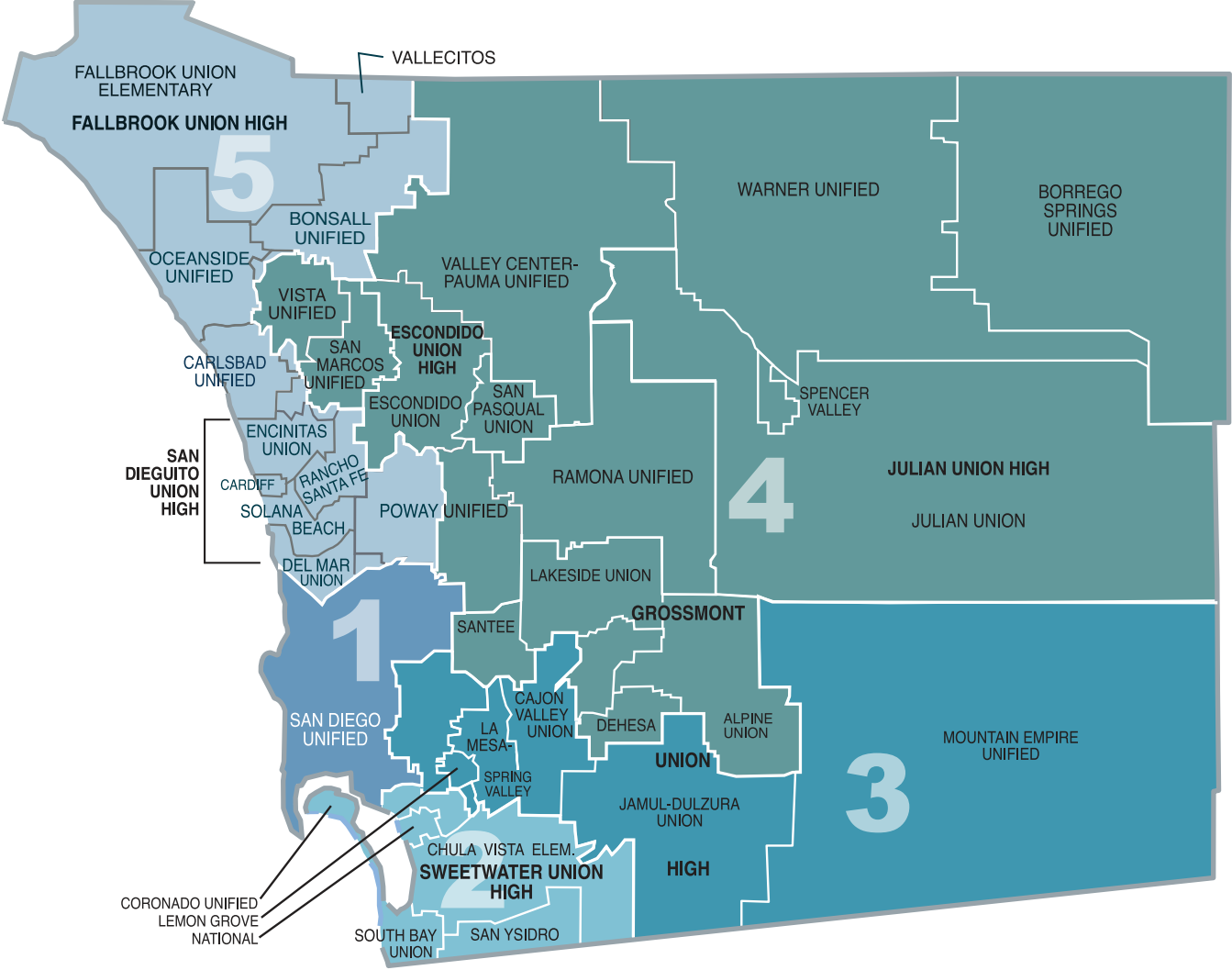
Paulette Donnellon  
**DISTRICT 4**



Rick Shea  
**DISTRICT 5**

Through its role of long-range policy development and other critical functions, the board works with the county superintendent of schools to offer the most effective education programs and district support services. The board also encourages the involvement of families and communities, and is a vehicle for citizen access to communicate about SDCOE's programs and services.

# Board Areas

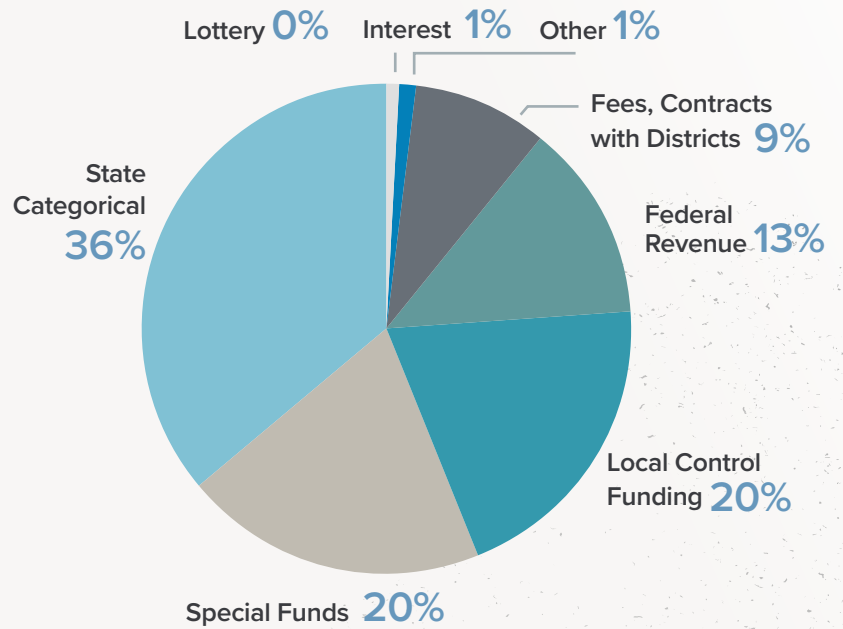


# SDCOE Revenue and Expenditures

## Revenue and Sources

**\$629,599,210**

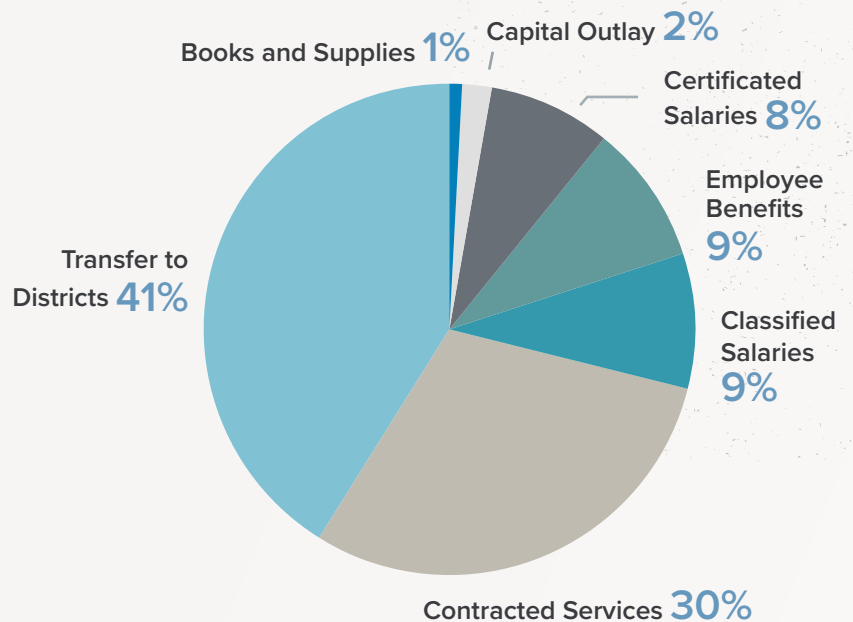
- Lottery **\$339,684**
- Interest **\$8,709,659**
- Other **\$4,049,626**
- Fees, Contracts with Districts **\$52,980,261**
- Federal Revenue **\$84,409,298**
- Local Control Funding **\$126,929,072**
- Special Funds **\$122,985,217**
- State Categorical **\$229,196,393**



## Expenditures by Classification

**\$610,010,522**

- Books and Supplies **\$3,961,759**
- Capital Outlay **\$14,763,601**
- Certificated Salaries **\$51,081,724**
- Employee Benefits **\$53,478,949**
- Classified Salaries **\$54,062,493**
- Contracted Services **\$184,909,820**
- Transfer to Districts **\$247,752,176**



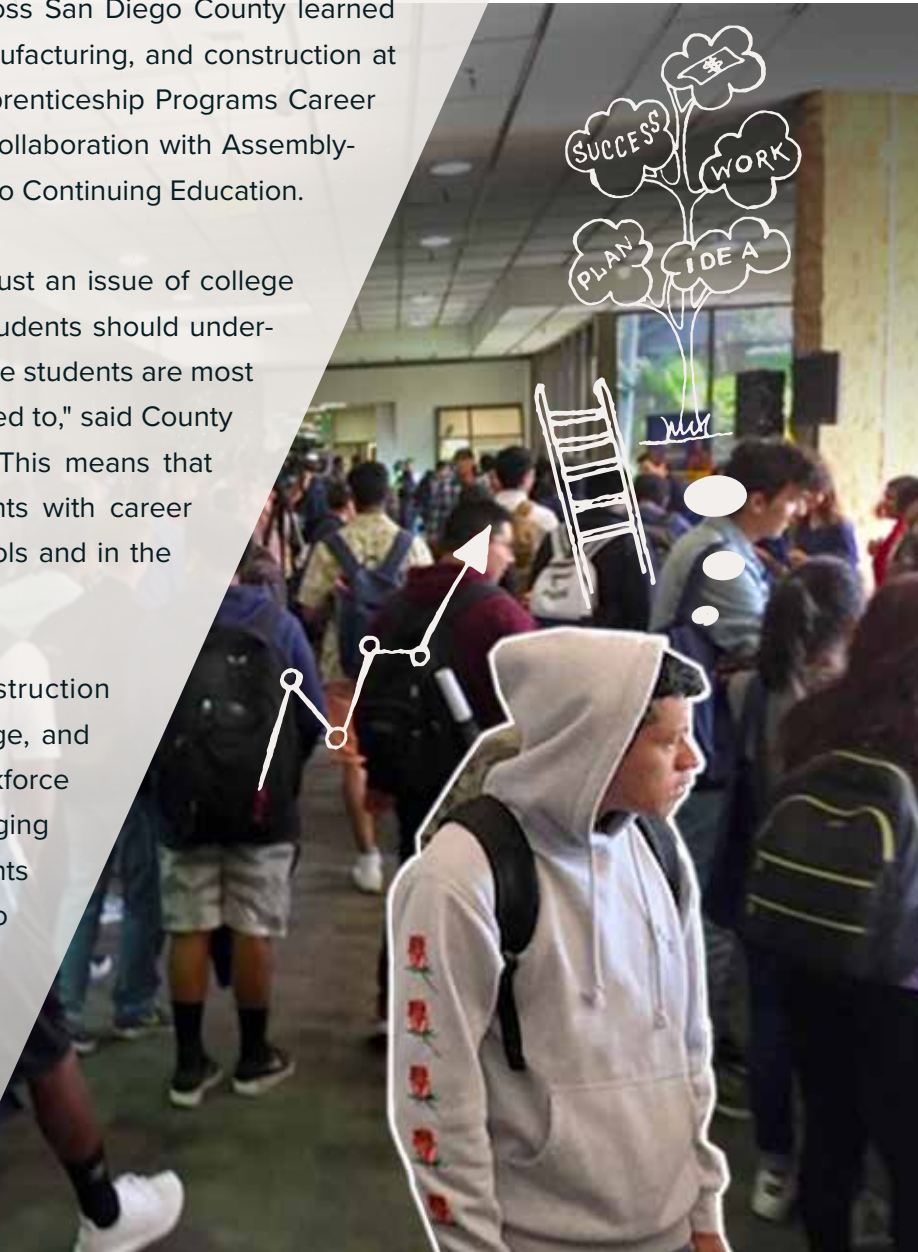


## Expo Connects Students to Careers

More than 250 high school students from across San Diego County learned about career opportunities in engineering, manufacturing, and construction at the second annual Vocational Training and Apprenticeship Programs Career Expo. The event was organized by SDCOE in collaboration with Assembly-member Dr. Shirley Weber's office and San Diego Continuing Education.

For SDCOE, career technical education is not just an issue of college and career readiness, but also of equity. "All students should understand their career options; however, we often see students are most interested in the careers they have been exposed to," said County Superintendent of Schools Dr. Paul Gothold. "This means that we have a responsibility to provide all students with career exposure, exploration, and preparation in schools and in the community."

Many engineering, manufacturing, and construction jobs are expected to be high-growth, high-wage, and in-demand according to the San Diego Workforce Partnership's 2019 Priority Jobs report. Bringing together industry experts and high school students will help better prepare students for a pathway to these careers.

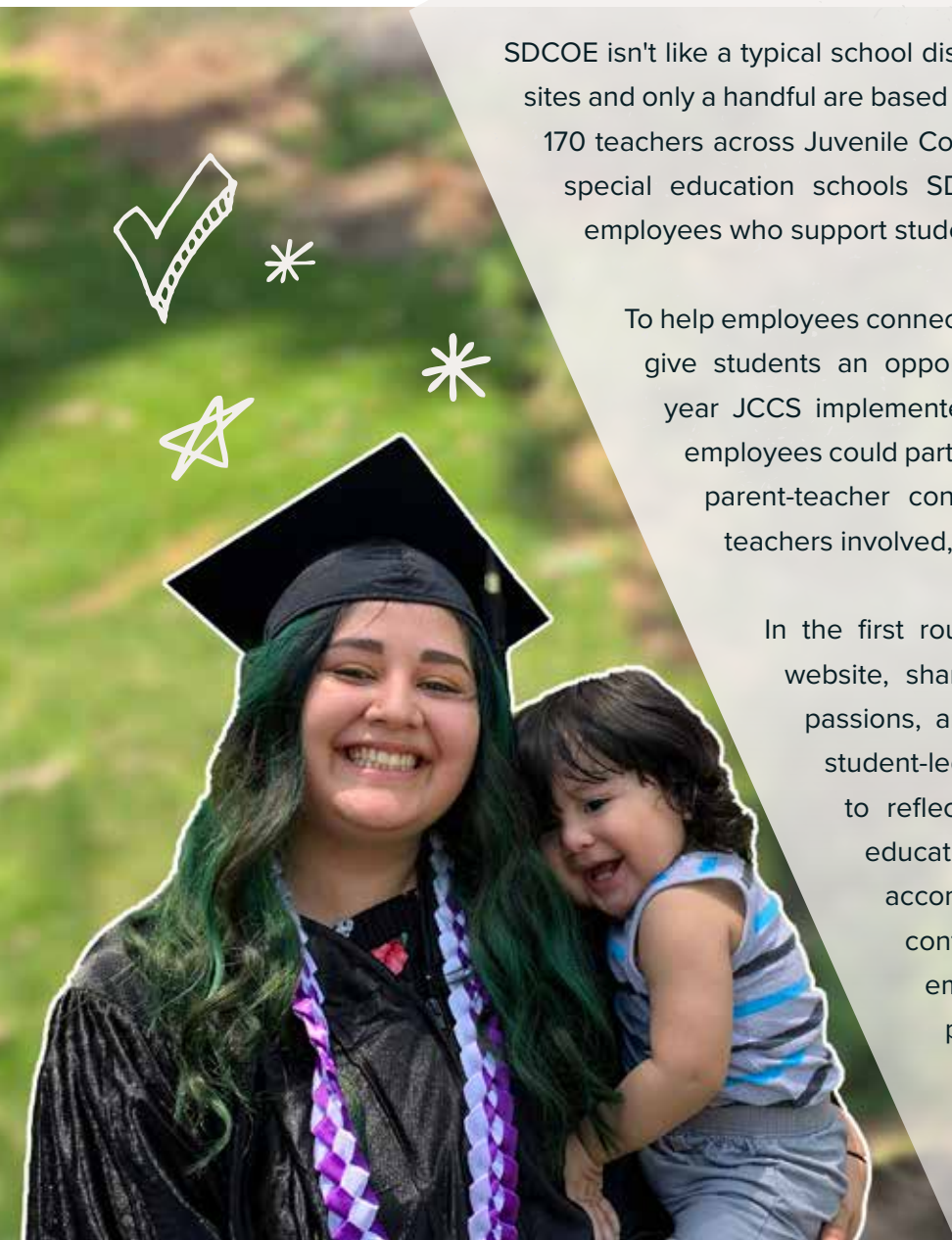


## Students Thrive Leading Progress Presentations

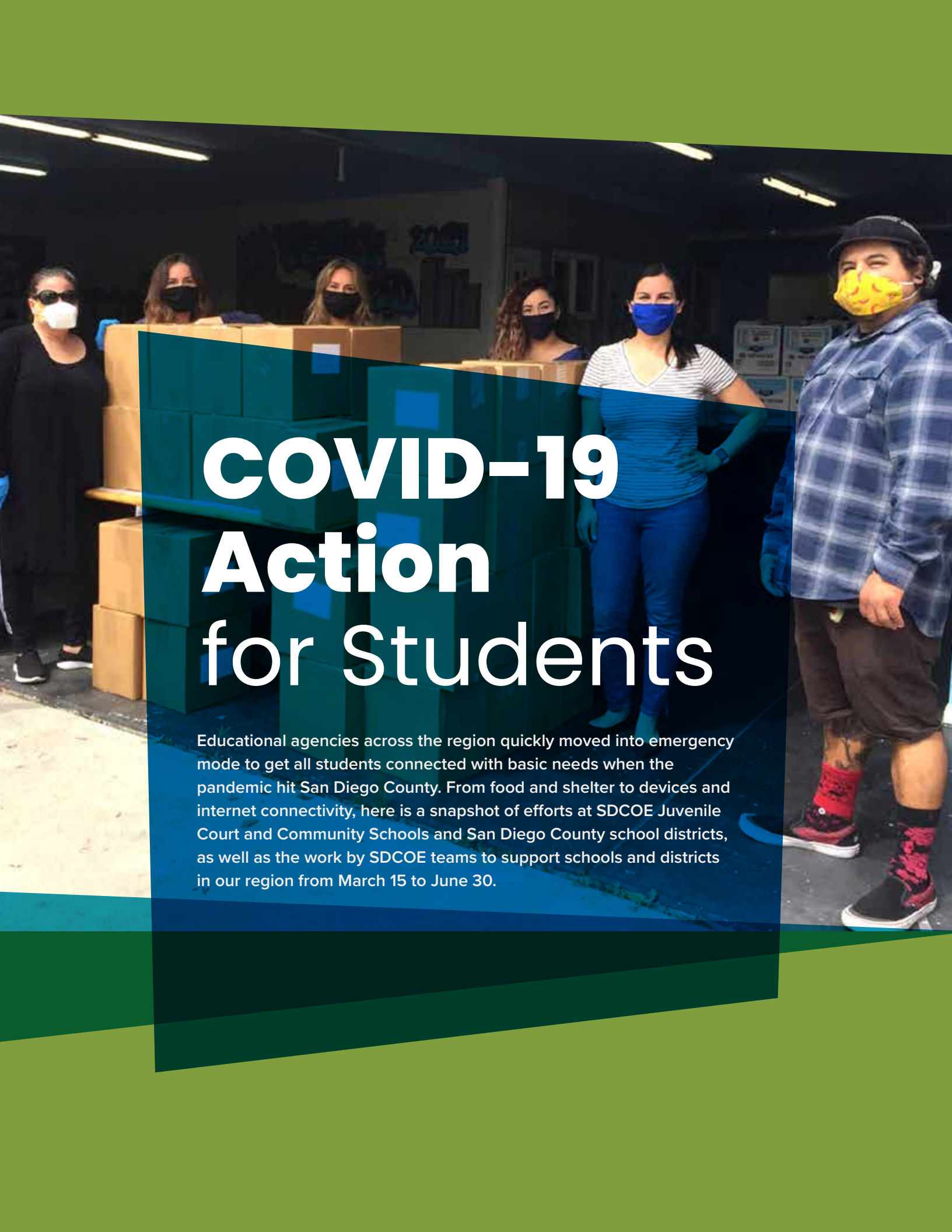
SDCOE isn't like a typical school district where most employees work at school sites and only a handful are based at the central office. Instead, there are about 170 teachers across Juvenile Court and Community Schools (JCCS) and the special education schools SDCOE operates, compared to about 500 employees who support students from the main SDCOE office.

To help employees connect more with the students they support and to give students an opportunity to develop presentation skills, this year JCCS implemented student-led conferences where SDCOE employees could participate. The conferences are similar to typical parent-teacher conferences, with parents or guardians and teachers involved, but the meetings are led by students.

In the first round of conferences, students presented a website, sharing information about their work, school, passions, and goals before answering questions. The student-led conferences gave the teens the chance to reflect on their work, take ownership of their educational experience, and share what they've accomplished and what they want to achieve. The conferences also connected central office employees to the classroom on a more personal level and let our students at JCCS know that there are a lot of people in their corner who want to see them succeed.







# COVID-19 Action for Students

Educational agencies across the region quickly moved into emergency mode to get all students connected with basic needs when the pandemic hit San Diego County. From food and shelter to devices and internet connectivity, here is a snapshot of efforts at SDCOE Juvenile Court and Community Schools and San Diego County school districts, as well as the work by SDCOE teams to support schools and districts in our region from March 15 to June 30.



## SDCOE Pivots to Provide COVID-19 Support to Families and Educators

When schools closed in March to prevent the spread of COVID-19, SDCOE employees supported San Diego County's 500,000-plus students by quickly and thoughtfully pivoting to meet the needs of educators and students in an unprecedented situation — from making sure thousands of school employees got paid, facilitating hiring new teachers, and following the latest guidelines on health and safety measures, to meeting students' basic needs like access to food, learning materials, and internet access.

SDCOE created a new COVID-19 website that houses information for district and school leaders, teachers, and parents and guardians. It quickly grew and evolved as information changed, with support and resources — such as webinars, videos, documents, templates, community programs, connectivity discounts, and checklists — updated regularly to help districts and charter schools with remote learning, distance teaching, and school reopening.

Distance learning was a significant shift for everyone, from parents and students to teachers, counselors, administrators, and even SDCOE teams who were used to hosting in-person trainings and coaching sessions. While some teams focused on providing webinars to get teachers up to speed on video conferencing and virtual learning tools, others developed low-tech learning activities for K-12 students at home without reliable access to devices and the internet. Those efforts also included programming on KPBS and SDCOE's own iTV Cable 16, and Learning at Home Bingo, a full-page feature in Sunday editions of *The San Diego Union-Tribune*.



## Across San Diego County



**7.5 million**  
meals served to  
students across  
San Diego County



**84,000**

masks, plus thousands of gloves,  
pallets of wipes, protective suits,  
and bloodborne pathogen bags  
collected and donated to local  
hospitals

## Supporting Students in Juvenile Court and Community Schools



**5,000** books donated to  
support student literacy

- **667** Chromebooks distributed to community school students
- **300** hygiene kits to students and families experiencing homelessness
- **238** instructional packets for court school students
- **210** counseling hours for community school students
- **156** parenting kits for students who are pregnant or parenting
- **81** families received support to apply for the state's Pandemic Electronic Benefits Transfer
- **24** families supported with unemployment and medical insurance applications



**3,730** boxes of food in  
partnership with Feeding  
San Diego and San Diego  
Food Bank

**737** backpacks  
with distance learning packets  
and school supplies



## Supporting Students in Juvenile Court and Community Schools



Created new protected networks for San Diego SOAR Academy at the East Mesa and Kearny Mesa juvenile detention facilities to allow supervised Skype visits between students and families



**296** students in JCCS programs graduated in the 2019-20 school year

## Supporting Districts and Charter Schools



**225** distance learning opportunities created and archived



- **200,000** paychecks processed
- **8,790** staff hours spent creating distance learning curriculum
- **7,665** pieces of COVID-19 safety signage produced
- **1,000** participants in virtual teacher and school staff job fair



**12** equity-focused distance learning plan tools



**27** organizations received Zoom board meeting training and technical support



## Supporting Districts and Charter Schools



**31,000** distance learning packets produced



**35** STEM-focused videos created to bring Cuyamaca Outdoor School learning to all students

## Meeting School Leaders' Needs at a Distance

### Zoom

**7.93 million** meeting minutes  
**19,803** meetings  
**170,150** participants



### COVID-19 Website

**111,655** pageviews of covid-19.sdcoe.net website  
**41,850** visitors to covid-19.sdcoe.net website



### Communications

**30** emails to superintendents and charter school leaders  
**20** bilingual template letters for districts to communicate with parents



## Supporting Emergency Child Care for Essential Workers

- **764** child care directors, teachers, and aides contacted with support related to COVID-19
- **42** districts and 19 charter schools contacted and received technical assistance regarding emergency child care
- **26** districts and 26 charter schools received assistance in virtual and alternative format after-school programming
- **1** Emergency Child Care toolkit with dozens of resources



## The Quality Preschool Initiative reallocated \$1.1 million in First 5 San Diego and First 5 California funding for:



**Cleaning supplies and other materials needed to provide care for children from birth to age 5**



**Payment for caregivers working directly with children at child care centers during the COVID-19 pandemic**



**Child care vouchers needed by essential workers**

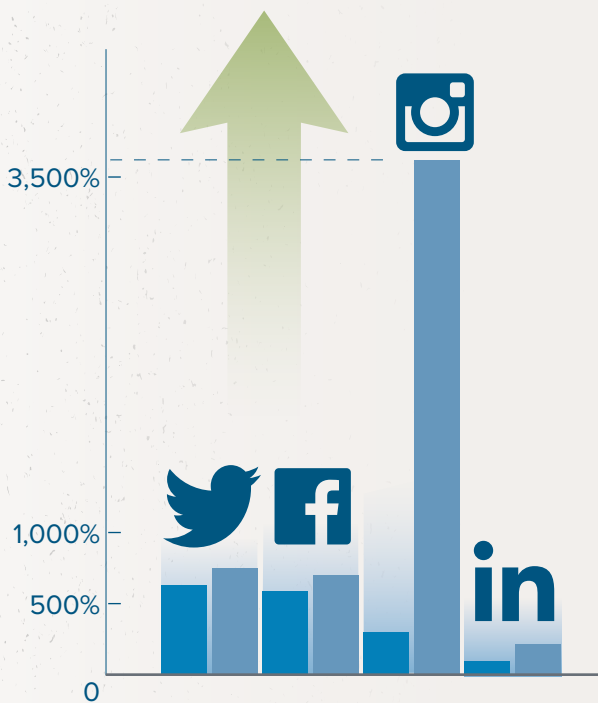
## Connecting with the Community

Social media has always been a big part of how SDCOE shares important information about schools and districts in San Diego County. When there's a wildfire or public health emergency, our social media channels are a critical source of information for educators, parents, community members, and members of the media. Here's a look at SDCOE's reach from March to June 30, 2020.



### Impressions

- **Twitter: 1.6 million**
- **Facebook: 371,300**
- **Instagram: 182,800**
- **YouTube: 90,500\***
- **LinkedIn: 33,800**



**630%** increase in **Twitter** engagements

**750%** increase in **Twitter** post clicks

**585%** increase in **Facebook** engagements

**700%** increase in **Facebook** page likes

**300%** increase in **Instagram** engagements

**3,620%** increase in **Instagram** profile visits

**92%** increase in **LinkedIn** engagements

**218%** increase in **LinkedIn** post shares

*\*The SDCOE YouTube channel launched in February 2020, so there is no comparison data available.*





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Thinking About YOU!

SENDING SMILES TO YOU!!

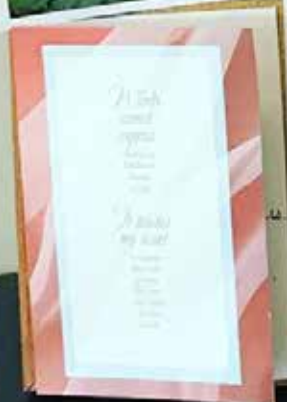
Thank You



You are appreciated!

Thank YOU

Stay Strong



Thank YOU

Thank YOU!

gratitude from our neighbors



## Data Center Upgrades Help Districts Save Money

A year-long SDCOE project to expand the capacity of the data center on its main campus leverages technology resources to help local districts keep more money in classrooms. With the upgrades, local districts can get data services at a fraction of what they would cost elsewhere, saving money for educating students.

For years, the SDCOE data center was shrinking as hardware got smaller and smaller and the use of cloud storage grew. Several years ago, the center was filled with racks of servers that met SDCOE's needs. Over time, the servers shrank from about 20 racks to only four.

That left a lot of extra room to support districts, especially those that don't have a data center. The SDCOE upgrades included updated hardware, air conditioning, and lighting with more than two dozen servers available to support districts.





## Leading Equity in Education

Nearly 1,000 people from across San Diego County and the state — as well as more than two dozen from out of state — attended SDCOE’s 2020 Equity Conference in January.

The largest gathering to promote educational equity in the region, the Equity Conference was organized in partnership with the Equity, Disproportionality & Design project, a grant-funded effort led by the South County Special Education Local Plan Area. It featured expert speakers and equity practitioners on topics that matter to educators and community members, such as cultural responsiveness, disproportionate representation and access, homeless and foster youth, LGBTQ+ youth, multilingual learners, and students with disabilities.

The participants were able to learn together on how to engage effective, systemic change and better respond to the linguistic, cultural, social-emotional, and mental health needs of all students. One attendee said they felt “inspired and validated, and ready to go out and do another round.”

Educational equity is a foundational goal of SDCOE which is why it is one of the lead agencies for equity within the California system of support for districts and schools.



## College-Bound Students from Migrant Families Surprised with Scholarships

The 2019-20 school year was especially tough for graduating seniors. In a few days, everything went from relatively known to completely uncertain for students about to embark on their future. A partnership this year helped a few college-bound students from the SDCOE Migrant Education Region IX program see that the community truly cares about them and supports them on their educational journey.

Three exceptional students from migrant families were each surprised in June with a \$1,000 scholarship sponsored by Northgate Gonzalez Market. The SDCOE team that helped award the checks said it was a joy to visit the hardworking students and their dedicated families at a safe distance and recognize them for their academic success.

Migrant Education is a federally funded program that provides supplementary educational and support services to identified migrant students. The Migrant Education Program Region IX is administered through SDCOE and serves students in Orange and San Diego counties.







# Enrollment By District



- 1,635 Alpine Union
- 2,472 Bonsall Unified
- 2,891 Borrego Springs Unified
- 17,342 Cajon Valley Union
- 655 Cardiff
- 11,481 Carlsbad Unified
- 30,066 Chula Vista Elementary
- 3,063 Coronado Unified
- 9,734 Dehesa
- 4,132 Del Mar Union
- 5,342 Encinitas Union
- 18,294 Escondido Union
- 9,526 Escondido Union High
- 5,278 Fallbrook Union Elementary
- 2,154 Fallbrook Union High
- 21,720 Grossmont Union High
- 743 Jamul-Dulzura Union
- 1,580 Julian Union
- 108 Julian Union High
- 2,061 La Mesa-Spring Valley
- 5,407 Lakeside Union
- 3,421 Lemon Grove
- 3,895 Mountain Empire Unified
- 5,416 National
- 19,371 Oceanside Unified
- 36,586 Poway Unified
- 5,381 Ramona Unified
- 561 Rancho Santa Fe
- 6,187 San Diego County Office of Education
- 122,916 San Diego Unified
- 13,177 San Dieguito Union High
- 20,994 San Marcos Unified
- 564 San Pasqual Union
- 4,475 San Ysidro
- 6,792 Santee
- 2,966 Solana Beach
- 6,950 South Bay Union
- 2,662 Spencer Valley
- 39,904 Sweetwater Union High
- 195 Vallecitos
- 3,956 Valley Center-Pauma Unified
- 23,922 Vista Unified
- 2,195 Warner Unified
- 4,615 Statewide benefit charter schools

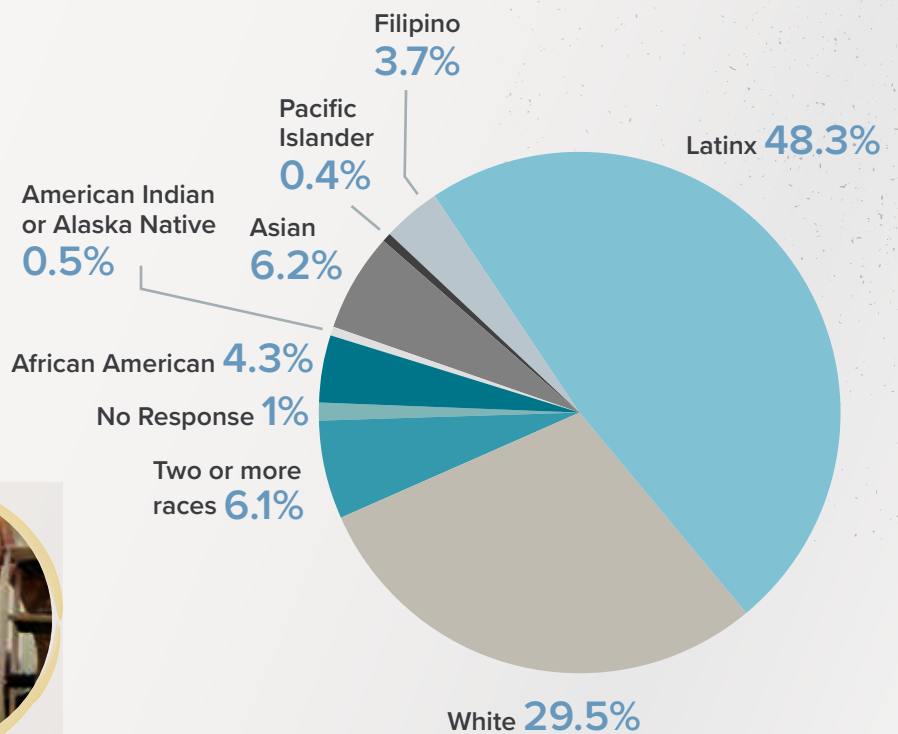
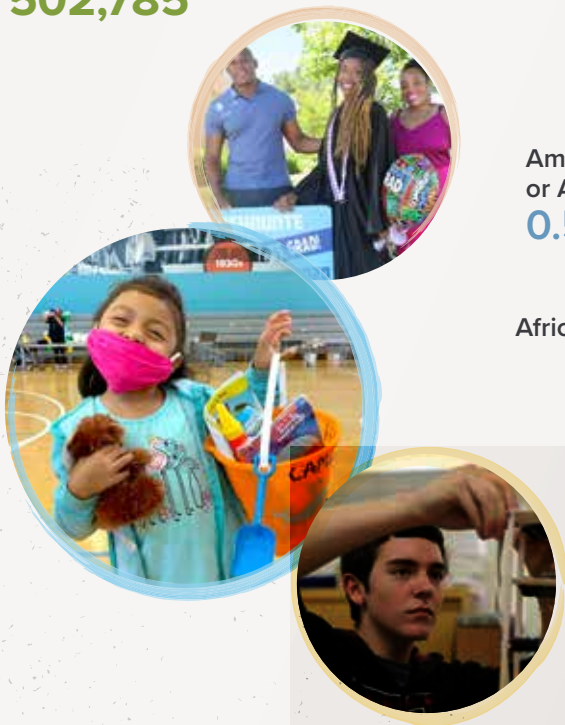
● **TOTAL 502,785**



## San Diego County Schools Fast Facts

- K-12 Public School Enrollment **502,785**
- Number of School Districts **42**
- Students Who Are English Learners **18.7%**
- Students Who Qualify for Free or Reduced-Price Meals **50.1%**

### Enrollment by Ethnicity 502,785





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