

## Welcome New Employees

**Lydia Ferrer**– Speech Language  
Pathologist Assistant

## Recognitions

### 16 Weeks of STEAM Poster Contest Winners

**Connor Godlove** of Central School was recognized as the winner for K-3rd grades; promoting the 16 Weeks of STEAM hydrosphere unit.



**Sandy Alcantar** of Palmer Way School was recognized as the winner for 4th-6th grades; promoting 16 Weeks of STEAM geosphere unit.



**Alis Elena Villarreal Navarro** from Granger Junior High school and **Yoselin Vindiola Capetillo** from Sweetwater Union High School were also congratulated for winning posters promoting the atmosphere and biosphere units of the National City 16 Weeks of STEAM program.

For information visit: [www.nc16weeksofsteam.com](http://www.nc16weeksofsteam.com)



Governing Board Highlights are a summary of recognitions, presentations, discussions, and

important decisions from recent Board meetings. They differ from the meeting minutes, which give a detailed report of Board members present, approvals, vote tallies, etc. Approved meeting minutes are posted on the website along with the Board Meeting Calendar and agendas.

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## State of the District



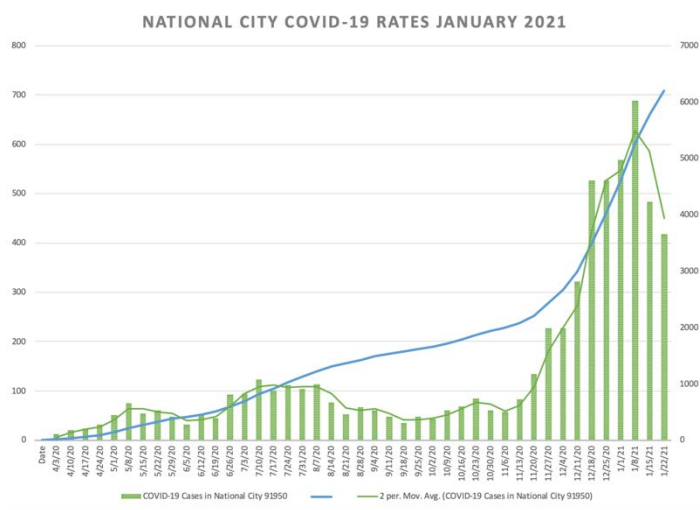
Each year, in January, the Superintendent presents a mid-year update to the Governing Board.

This year highlights focused on a review of 2020, work on the United Nations Global goals, and staff efforts to address nutrition, academic, and safety needs caused by the Coronavirus pandemic.

An emphasis on accomplishments and challenges of distance learning will be the focus for the start of 2021. Over the next few months, Dr. Brady will be scheduling virtual times to share this presentation to both staff and parents; and seeking feedback to support distance learning needs in the district.

### COVID-19 Updates

Superintendent Dr. Leighangela Brady led a discussion detailing how the District is navigating the COVID-19 pandemic. Updates included new State guidance issued by the State of California on January 14, 2021 and the review of a crosswalk document to consolidate existing plans in the creation of a COVID-19 Safety Plan (CSP) for National School District. The Board also reviewed current Coronavirus case rates in National City and discussed the feasibility of setting a pending start date for hybrid instruction.



Because the District is not eligible to reopen under the current State guidance, the Board has decided to wait on setting a target date for hybrid reopening. This decision will be revisited at each Regular Board meeting pending reopening. In person academic support for distance learning will begin again on February 1, 2021. Inquiries on National School District’s academic support program should be directed to individual site principals.

**New guidance from the State of California prohibits schools serving grades K-6 to reopen for in-person instruction in jurisdictions with case rates above 25 cases per 100,000 population per day.**

### Budget Reductions

The Board held a follow up discussion on budget reductions necessary for 2021-22 and 2022-23. The Board made a commitment at first interim to implement expenditure reductions of \$4,252,000 and \$805,000 respectively to address a structural deficit caused by declining enrollment.

### Approved Items

In addition to routine items of business, the Governing Board approved the following items:

- QUARTERLY REPORT TO THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION ON WILLIAMS COMPLAINTS.
- SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT CARDS (SARC) FOR ALL SCHOOL SITES FOR THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR.
- INCREASE TO THE DISTRICT’S MAXIMUM CONTRIBUTION TOWARD HEALTH AND WELFARE BENEFITS TO \$15,086 FOR ALL CONFIDENTIAL, SUPERVISORY, AND MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR.
- COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL SAFETY PLAN (CSSP) FOR EACH NATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR.
- DISTRICT ANNUAL DEVELOPER FEE REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020.

**THE BOARD ALSO TOOK ACTION TO ACCEPT:**

- Draft of School Plan for Student Achievement for the 2020-2021 school year for National School District Schools.
- Request for Integrity Charter School for charter renewal with the National School District for 2021-2026.

**Next Governing Board Meeting February 10, 2021**