



San Diego Unified School District

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

As we return to school after the wildfires, I want to take a moment to remind you that San Diego Unified is as committed to the safety of our students as to their academic success. It's important for you to know the safety measures in place to make sure your child has a safe and nurturing learning environment at school.

- San Diego Unified School District has 45 school police officers and 26 community service officers assigned to elementary, middle and high schools. These highly qualified officers train regularly to respond effectively to any situation.
- Each school writes and maintains a safe school plan, which details emergency procedures, disaster preparedness and how to handle events that may threaten the safety of students and staff. Schools regularly participate in safety drills to practice these emergency procedures.
- Our Parent Patrols include parents, staff and community volunteers. They are trained by the School Police Crime Prevention Unit and provide extra eyes and ears on campus as your child arrives at school.
- We have Campus Crime Stoppers, a partnership with San Diego County Crime Stoppers, to offer students and parents a safe option and incentive for reporting crime.
- Our high school counseling offices train student peer counselors and conflict mediators. We have student support groups to address anger management and assist with other issues to prevent violence.

Our schools are safer today as a result of these efforts. We continue to see a decline in the crime rate in the district. To make sure this trend continues, we need your help and support.

I encourage you to talk to your child about the district's Zero Tolerance Policy. Make it clear that you support school policies and rules that help create a safe place for all students to learn. Take an active role in your child's school and learn about the school's safety procedure and disaster plan. Be a role model for solving problems in a positive way.

Thank you for joining our efforts in making sure every student has the opportunity to learn and thrive in a safe and positive learning environment.

Sincerely,

Carl A. Cohn
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PS. Remember, schools are closed the week of November 19–23, for Thanksgiving Break. Have a restful and relaxing week.