



## A Letter From Superintendent Dr. Deborah Dennison

### Re: School Year Plans for 2020-2021

Dear San Carlos parents:

I hope this letter finds you healthy and well. I want to thank the parents and students for their patience, understanding, and support during the unpredictable times we face. We are currently making difficult decisions, we believe, are simply the right thing to do for the health and well-being of our students, our staff, and our community as we look forward to the 2020-2021 school year.

COVID 19 is an unpredictable and ever evolving pandemic. With this in mind we want to provide as much continuity as we can without disrupting learning, family routines, and student expectations. We know this uncertainty can cause anxiety and worry, but we want to assure you that San Carlos is doing everything possible to ensure the needs of students during the 20-21 school year are met.

We do have good news: your child will have the opportunity to continue to learn and to grow academically. We strive to continue to provide students with an education that reflects academic excellence with special consideration to the unique community needs and possible barriers that may occur throughout the year. Communication will be key leading up to school in the Fall and we want to provide up to date information along the way so that we can combat fear and panic, as well as help you make well-informed decisions for your family. Our learning plan will be set apart from other plans by ensuring:

- Social emotional support and relationship building with cultural sensitivity.
- Overcoming physical barriers specific to the San Carlos Reservation.
- Tribal council partnership and collaboration to ensure the health and safety of our community.

As a district, we will be sending up to date correspondence to you by email, phone, text, radio and social media. Additionally we will post information on the district website. In order to best reflect the student and community needs, it is important we hear from you. We recently released an online survey asking for your valued input regarding your child's educational plan for the 20-21 school year. Please take the time to complete the survey so your voice is heard. The link is:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/D6DFRQB>

With your survey completion we will be able to post answers to frequently asked questions as soon as they are available, including those about child nutrition services, extracurricular activities, enrollment, and more. For San Carlos, there is nothing more important than the safety and health of our students, staff and community both physically and emotionally. We are putting those needs at the forefront of the decisions we make. We want you to be safe, and we appreciate your flexibility and understanding. San Carlos is strong, and we will get through this together. We are a community that sticks together in challenging times, and we know this experience will be no different. As soon as we know our next steps, we will share them with you. Please stay safe. As always, we appreciate your support of San Carlos Unified School District.

Sincerely,

Dr. Deborah J. Dennison, Superintendent  
San Carlos Unified School District No. 20