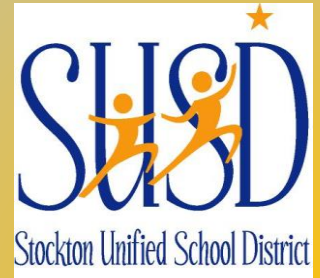




# Ask Dr. Rodriguez



## Ten Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

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

- 1. You brought around donuts one day and then cookies the other day. I heard you say that you would be doing this again next month. Does this seem like a good way to spend District money knowing that we have not even started negotiations?**

I have started the tradition of bringing around a treat to District Office staff so I can connect with them and show my appreciation. I do not use district funds for these treats. I use my own personal money, there is no impact to the District budget. I look forward to continuing to get to know more of our District Office staff.

- 2. I looked at the list of the topics for the town halls. How did you come up with them?**

All of the feedback from the seven listening sessions was coded to identify key themes. The top five themes were selected to have a dedicated town hall specifically on that topic. During the town hall, you will hear a 20-minute presentation on current status and next steps, have 20 minutes to provide written feedback through a poster activity and 20 minutes for questions, answers and comments. I hope to see many educational community members attend and participate – your perspectives are important to our ongoing work together.

- 3. What will you do with all of the feedback that you get from the town halls?**

I will be using all the feedback on the strengths, areas of opportunity and priority recommendations for each theme within my State of the District (100 Day Plan) which will be released in mid-October.

- 4. My daughter said that she saw you at her school this week. Can parents meet with you too when you go to the school sites?**

The purpose of my school site visits is to build a relationship with site staff and to understand firsthand the strengths and needs of the sites. As the classroom visits take the majority of the time, I would need to find another time to meet with parents. If parent leaders from a site would like to meet with me, they can communicate with their site principal to find a time that works for all of us.

- 5. During the Conversations with the Superintendent, you mentioned that you were going to conduct a Facilities Master Plan. Can you give more information on what that is?**

The Facilities Master Plan process will provide SUSD with a comprehensive document that will outline the strategic vision and multiyear roadmap for the assessment and improvement of physical infrastructure and facilities through effective use of our bond monies. After a thorough review of each site and building, the plan will encompass both short-term and long-term goals, addressing aspects such as building maintenance, renovations, new construction,

safety improvements, technology integration, and resource allocation. The plan serves as a guiding framework to ensure efficient and effective management of the district's facilities to support the educational mission and accommodate changing needs over time.

**6. Do we have any programs that help students establish their residency or get their green card?**

The School for Adults does not have a program to establish residency, however, their [website](#) does have links to valuable resources such as the National Immigration Law Center and California State Guide for Undocumented Immigrants. I would also encourage families to reach out to our Family Resource Center at (209) 933-7470.

**7. When can I sign my daughter up for the school during the Fall Break in October? I have to work and need someplace to send her.**

If you are interested in having your child attend our SUSD “Day Camps” over the fall break, October 9th-October 13th, please scan the QR code below, talk with the Expanded Learning Site Program Facilitator at your site to share your interest, or go to [www.stocktonusd.net](http://www.stocktonusd.net) on the home page, and click on the “Fall Break Day Camp” District Headline. Student enrollment is based on staff availability.



**8. Is there a list of what the kids eat for breakfast and lunch every day?**

The SUSD Child Nutrition/Food Services Department will be participating in the Community Eligibility Provision of the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program for the 2023-24 school year.

All enrolled students at Community Eligibility Provision schools are eligible to receive breakfast and lunch at school, every school day, at no charge to your household. You can find all of the menus at the following [link](#).

**9. I just heard about the STEAM fair. Can my students join?**

The Curriculum and CTE departments will be hosting the District’s STEAM fair on January 18, 2024 at Edison High School. Students can enter the fair with projects involving Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts or Mathematics - this is not your traditional Science Fair. Students who qualify in our competition will then be sent to the County’s STEAM Fair to compete with surrounding districts.

This is a great opportunity for all of our students, with even our youngest students in K-3 eligible to enter a class project. Additionally, this is an opportunity for students with varying

interests to shine. You can find additional information, student registration and resources at the following QR code:



**10. Will PE teachers have specific PD sessions for them to participate in during the September PD days?**

During our September 21 and 22 professional development days, CPR and first aid along with a session specifically designed for PE teachers will be offered. In addition, the other sessions open to all teachers, are available to PE teachers to meet their individual needs.