



# Ask Dr. Rodriguez



Ten Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)  
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Questions are quoted as I received them directly from our community.

**1. Is Stockton Unified doing anything for the special solar eclipse?**

All SUSD school sites received solar eclipse glasses so that all students, teachers, and staff members can view the eclipse on April 8, 2024 with the peak viewing time in our area to occur at 11:15am. We encourage all teachers to take your students out to safely view the eclipse, ensuring they wear their glasses when viewing the sun. Teachers have access to presentations, lessons, reading materials, and crafts for the eclipse, including a countdown timer for the event.

**2. You gave out solar eclipse glasses today at the District Office but I did not get one. Do you have any left?**

Yes, you can get a pair from the Curriculum and Instruction Department or the Superintendent's Office prior to Monday morning.

**3. What are the schools where you are doing the vape pilot program?**

We are implementing the vape pilot program at Cesar Chavez High, Franklin High and Kennedy Elementary. Each school will be implementing the Zeptive vape detectors in student bathrooms identified as the most problematic. If the pilot is successful, we will be implementing the vape detectors in additional schools.

**4. I had another employee telling me about a website that has all of the information about negotiations. Where can I find that website?**

The Human Resources' Labor Relations page is a dedicated source for you to stay abreast of the latest developments in labor negotiations affecting SUSD. In our commitment to transparency and communication, we have created this platform to keep staff informed and engaged. Human Resources understands the invaluable contributions our employees provide to SUSD and the pivotal role that fair and effective negotiations play in shaping the education landscape. You can find information on negotiations on the Labor Relations website at the following link: <https://www.stocktonusd.net/Page/17855>.

**5. Can students submit anonymous tips through Say Something yet?**

Students will be able to submit anonymous tips through Sandy Hook Say Something by May 1, 2024. We have established the teams at each site and are finalizing staff training to launch the system by the beginning of May.

**6. I am having trouble with the new Hall Pass system printing properly. Who do I call for help?**

Please contact Hall Pass customer support at (800) 269-2650 or email them at [HallPassID.com](mailto:HallPassID.com). If you still need assistance after contacting Hall Pass support, reach out to Emergency Services at 209 933-7070 Ext. 2702 or email them at [momlin@stocktonusd.net](mailto:momlin@stocktonusd.net).

**7. What is the update on the Facility Master Plan and when will we see some of the findings?**

The work to develop the Facilities Master Plan is on schedule and we are excited to share that we anticipate that an executive summary and key findings will be shared during the week of May 27th. As we have discussed, this plan will help us identify areas of needs and potential facility projects to address them. We encourage you to continue to share your thoughts through this survey: <https://forms.office.com/r/4k0TtX14UF>

**8. My understanding is there is a district counseling budget to be used for school counselors to attend professional development opportunities. Why is Admin being paid for from this budget for this summer's ASCA conference? Who is it that also chooses who attends? I've had colleagues share that they were denied because a "team" had already been chosen to attend, a team made up of the same personnel attending each year.**

Money allotted for school counselor professional development is not used for administrators to attend conferences, other funding sources are used. Individual sites do have the option to use their site counseling budget for conferences as well, the school counseling program specialists have assisted sites in setting that up in previous years and continue to provide that assistance when requested.

The Director and district counseling team look at multiple data points, such as site need, previous attendees, and interest, to determine possible attendees. This year's team is focused on Recognized ACSA Model Program Award winners and RAMP coaching sites. The district school counselor of the year is also invited to attend. The site counselors going this year are counselors that have not attended in the past.

**9. I have a concern regarding school lunches and all schools abiding by the Wellness Policy. Here at King, we don't allow fast food, sodas, and/ or Starbucks to be dropped off to students. We have had this rule since the district started the Wellness Policy to help promote healthy eating. I know of other sites in our district that don't allow these items either, however it isn't implemented at all schools. Is there a policy for fast food or can one please be implemented? Even though we have school rules set some parents still send food via grub hub, door dash, etc.**

Our Board Policy AR 5030 Student Wellness was approved in April 2012. Based on the approval date, the use of grub hub, door dash, or similar services either did not exist or were not used to the frequency that they are now. Per the policy, our district will make available/offer through the Child Nutrition program a healthy breakfast and lunch. The policy also provides requirements and restrictions on the providing and sales of food and

beverages in accordance with local, State and Federal requirements. The Wellness Policy states, “Schools should encourage parents to pack healthy lunches and snacks and to refrain from including beverages and foods that do not meet the above nutrition standards for individual foods and beverages” (AR 5030 pg. 6)

Our current policy does not explicitly state the disallowance for fast food, soda, and/or third-party deliveries to be dropped off to students. However, these practices could pose a disruption to workflow, increased safety concerns as deliverers are not parents/guardians, and increased food safety concerns as food is not prepared at home and is being received from a third-party. Aligned with new legislation, our Department of Child Nutrition and Food Services, in conjunction with other departments, is currently working on getting feedback and making updates to policy AR 5030 to present to the Board which will address such practices.

**10. Good morning, I was a 2010 graduate and I'm going to be starting a new college that requires all of my previous transcripts. How do I go about getting an official transcript sent to them?**

As a student who graduated before the 2022-2023 school year, please click the link below to go to the SUSD Student Records Department homepage to complete a request form at <https://www.stocktonusd.net/StudentRecords>, call 209 933-7020 ext. 2290 or email [cwarequest@stocktonusd.net](mailto:cwarequest@stocktonusd.net)