



Dear San Diego Unified Families,

Out of an abundance of caution, San Diego Unified is delaying the first day of school. Our first day of school will now be on Tuesday, August 22.

We are making this decision based on the latest storm-related information from local officials. This storm is expected to impact our region most severely today, between 4 and 8 p.m., with strong winds and flooding expected in some areas, along with potential power outages and road closures. This may very well result in damage to facilities that may not become evident until Monday morning.

Postponing the first day will allow us to assess any impacts to schools and district offices, and ensure that we are prepared to welcome our students and families to the new school year.

As we continue to monitor the weather and the impact in our community, I remain hopeful that the storm will continue to decrease in its intensity as it moves through our region. However, given the uncertainty of the weather and our need to thoroughly assess any impacts to our facilities, all schools will be closed to students on Monday, August 21.

We know the first day of school brings joy and excitement for students, families and staff. Thank you for your understanding, and for our collective desire to have the best first day of school possible for you, our students, and our staff.

Please take care of one another and follow emergency guidelines.

It is important that you stay connected and informed about public safety conditions in our district and community. Consider signing up for [Alert San Diego](#) and visit the [County of San Diego website](#) to boost your family's preparedness for this storm or any other emergencies.

Thank you for your partnership, and stay safe.

With much love,

Dr. Lamont A. Jackson
Superintendent of Public Education