



## **SYLMAR BIOTECH HEALTH & ENGINEERING MAGNET**

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Dear SBHEM Families,

I hope this letter finds you well, and I hope you have enjoyed the summer break.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Mrs. Vasquez, and I will be your son/daughter's Secondary Counselor. I joined the Sylmar family thirteen years ago as the Academic School Counselor. Before Counseling, I was an Elementary School teacher for eight years. I enjoyed every minute working with our student population. I grew up in the San Fernando Valley and I too attended Sylmar Schools. I have been blessed to be part of my local community-it has been a joy!

The new school year has begun and as you know, school began with 100% distance learning. We know learning online was difficult for many last semester. I want you to know that I am here for you.

My goal is to assist ALL students with their academic, social and personal performance and prepare them for life beyond high school. I look forward to offering support to the students, staff, families and community.

As you might know, students need to pass their academic course work each year and earn specific credits to promote to the next grade level: 9th -10th Grades= 50 credits, 10th-11th Grades= 105 credits, 11th-12th Grades= 160 credits. All students must earn 210 credits and fulfill the Service Learning Project in order to earn a high school diploma.

In the coming months, I would like to schedule a conference with you and your child to create an Individualized Graduation Plan (IGP). During this conference, we will discuss your child's academic progress, credits, graduation requirements, as well as college and career programs in preparation for a successful future.

I welcome your involvement as we work together to provide the best possible education to the students of Sylmar Biotech. Please don't hesitate to call or email.

Sincerely,

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***Vision:** We are committed to empowering each other with the academic & professional skills needed to represent our world positively. We are an informed voice for our people & of service to our community in local & global STEM issues.*

***Mission:** Sylmar Biotech Health & Engineering Magnet will graduate students able to analyze & apply STEM knowledge; ethically use technology; professionally collaborate to problem solve; use communication skills to inform and advocate for our people; and think critically for the health & welfare of our community.*

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