



## **Santa Clara County School Boards Association Legislative Action Committee**

We know Silicon Valley is a unique region - the hub of innovation that brings with it immense wealth and immense disparity. Santa Clara County School Boards Association represents 31 school districts and the COE in Santa Clara County. SCCSBA's Legislative Action Committee's mission is to advocate through resolutions, policies, and collective narratives for high expectations and applicable resources in public education for all of our students. Our advocacy includes building coalitions and increased communication across the districts as well as with elected officials, municipalities, nonprofits, and community partners to meet our area's aspirational needs.

Our Legislative Action Committee will **LEAD** throughout the legislative and annual calendar:

**L**ISTEN: Our top legislative priorities will be determined by a listening tour starting with city, county, state, and federal elected officials, to find what our legislative priorities are and should be. (local school advocacy)

**E**XPLORE: Opportunities for longer term legislative action [e.g.: Regional Cost Adjustment in LCFF funding formula, Work to waive supermajority requirement for school district ballot initiatives (cooperate with CSBA/ gain local traction)]

**A**DVOCATE: More immediately, we shall respond to priorities our community faces from the pandemic.

**D**EVELOP: Contexts and stories, examples, etc. that highlight current issues and needs in education (e.g. relationship between police and SRO's, etc.) and create compassion for our school communities.

The Legislative Committee will consult with the SCCSBA board and membership before taking an official position on any piece of education policy on behalf of the association.

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