



Santa Clara County School Boards Association Legislative Action Committee

Silicon Valley is a unique region - a hub of innovation that brings with it immense wealth and immense disparity. The Santa Clara County School Boards Association represents 31 school districts 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 increasing communication between districts, 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:

LISTEN: We listen to SCCSBA members from across our county to determine our legislative priorities. Our members provide context and anecdotes that highlight current issues and needs in local public schools.

EXPLORE: We **explore** opportunities for long term legislative action.

ADVOCATE: We **advocate** for short term solutions in response to priorities from our community, especially in the face of the pandemic. We share relevant context and anecdotes from across Santa Clara County to educate our legislators on local district needs and create compassion for our school communities.

DEVELOP: We **develop** relationships with legislators, including city, county, state, and federal elected officials and our membership to empower and inform each as public education advocates.

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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