



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 trustees from 31 school districts in Santa Clara County, MetroED, and the Santa Clara County Office of Education. 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.

What does the Legislative Action Committee do? We...

LISTEN: We **listen** to SCCSBA members from across our county to determine our legislative priorities. We listen to our legislators to better understand barriers and challenges to policy, as well as to partner on policy-making.

ADVOCATE: We **advocate** for resources and solutions aligned with our membership's priorities. We highlight for legislators local district needs from across Santa Clara County to create compassion for our school communities.

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

The Legislative Action Committee regularly consults with the SCCSBA Executive Board and membership through an iterative feedback process.

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