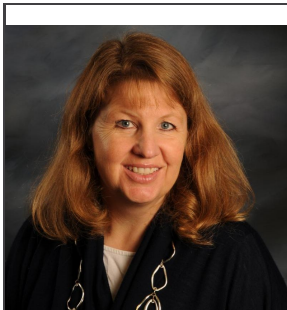


## SCCSBA November 2021 Newsletter

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### President's Message - by Fiona Walter

Hi, All,

Happy November!

Thanks to everyone who joined us this morning for our panel on Board Meeting Safety. I'm grateful to the panelists for their willingness to assist us as we navigate in-person meetings and challenging community conversations. Additional thanks to all of you for supporting each other. The last 18 months have brought challenges we could never have imagined and I'm so glad that we had this group in place for both comradery and wisdom.

Hopefully you can join us Wednesday night as we hear from MVLA (9-12) and Saratoga Union (K-8) about recovery programs (both academic and wellness) in these districts. The topic of Recovery is well-timed as most of us have now done deep dives into student successes and struggles and are beginning to evaluate the efficacy of interventions and supports.

Wishing you all a wonderful Thanksgiving. Enjoy the time with family (hopefully!) and I look forward to seeing many of you in person in San Diego.

Cheers,  
Fiona

### November 17 SCCSBA Evening Zoom Meeting

Join us for our next SCCSBA Evening Zoom Meeting on November 17 at 7:30 p.m.

Our topic is **Recovery (Summer School, SEL/Trauma, Struggling Students)**.

We will be joined by guest panelists Moira Barker, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services in the Saratoga Union School District, and Teri Fought, Associate Superintendent of Educational Services in the Mountain View Los Altos High School District.

## December 2 Happy Hour/Reception at the CSBA Annual Education Conference

This year, our annual Happy Hour/Reception during the Annual Education Conference will be a joint one with both the Santa Clara County and San Mateo County School Boards Associations. All trustees, superintendents, spouses and district cabinet staff are invited to attend. We thought it would be fun to have both the SCCSBA and the SMCSBA together at our event.

The Happy Hour/Reception will be held from 5:30-7 p.m. at  
El Chingon Restaurant  
560 5th Ave, San Diego, CA 92101  
[www.elchingon.com](http://www.elchingon.com)

The event is free of charge, but attendees need to register at [2021reception.eventbrite.com](https://2021reception.eventbrite.com)

Thanks to Sodexo for hosting this event every year.

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### Call for Hoffmann Awards Applications for 2021-2022

Hoffmann Awards Chair Carol Presunka (Trustee, Cambrian School District) would like to invite all school districts to apply for the SCCSBA Hoffmann Awards for 2021-2022.

The Hoffmann Awards Applications are due on **Friday, December 10, 2021**. The short application and guidelines are on our website at [sccoe.org/sccsba](http://sccoe.org/sccsba). This is a great way to recognize excellent programs in your district.

Here's a little more about the Hoffmann Awards:

Each year, the Santa Clara County School Boards Association selects several Glenn W. Hoffmann Exemplary Program Award winners from among numerous applications. To be selected as one of the top programs in the county, your program must use innovative methods to enhance the learning experience, address the needs of targeted populations, demonstrate effective use of technology, increase family or community involvement, enhance accountability, promote student leadership, increase student wellness, or support core educational objectives.

The 2022 Hoffmann Awards will be presented at the Association's Hoffmann Awards Dinner on Wednesday, April 27, 2022. We hope that this will be an in-person event.

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### CALENDAR OF SCCSBA EVENTS/MEETINGS FOR 2021-2022 Theme: Reimagine, Recovery, Renewal, Reflection

**As the COVID situation is still in flux, we have based our calendar below on our current assumptions. In addition to the meetings below, we will also continue our monthly Zoom meetings with County Superintendent Dr. Mary Ann Dewan**

**Wednesday, November 17, 2021 at 7:30-9:00 p.m. Zoom SCCSBA Monthly Meeting**  
**Guest Speaker: Assoc. Supt. Curriculum Panel**  
**Topic: Recovery (Summer School, SEL/Trauma, Struggling Students)**

**December 2-4, 2021. CSBA Annual Education Conference in San Diego**  
**SCCSBA Reception: Thursday, December 2, 5:30-7:00 p.m.**  
**(Delegate Assembly – November 30 and December 1)**

**Wednesday, January 26, 2022 at 7:30-9:00 p.m. Zoom SCCSBA Monthly Meeting (including Candidate Presentations for CSBA Delegate Assembly)**  
**Guest Speaker: Dr. Mary Ann Dewan, SCCOE Superintendent**  
**Topic: The State of the County in Public Education**

**Wednesday, February 23, 2022 at 7:30-9:00 p.m. Zoom or In Person SCCSBA Monthly Meeting (including Officer Nominations)**  
**Guest Speaker: TBD**  
**Topic: Renewal (Professional Development and Inspiring Teachers)**

**Saturday, March 5, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. to Noon. Annual SCCSBA Legislative Brunch on Zoom.**

**Wednesday, March 23, 2022 at 7:30-9:00 p.m. Zoom or In Person SCCSBA Monthly Meeting (including Election of Officers)**

**Guest Speakers: Superintendent Panel**

**Topic: Reflection (Looking back and looking forward – lessons learned)**

**Wednesday, April 27, 2022 at 6:00-9:00 p.m. Zoom or In Person Hoffmann Awards Dinner**

**Wednesday, May 25, 2022 at 6:00-8:00 p.m. Zoom or In Person Annual “Passing the Gavel” Dinner for Officers, Delegates and District Representatives**

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## From our CSBA Regional Representative Marty Fatooh

Hello Trustees,

**Board Member Safety Forum-** Thanks to everyone who joined the safety forum put on by SCCSBA today! A fantastic panel of law enforcement, legal, mediation, and educational thought leaders came together to share their insights and answer your questions.

**Special Election/ Recall Reform** - Currently 85 school board members across California are facing recalls. While CSBA supports free and fair elections and does not take positions on candidates, our legislative team is in conversations with Asm. Marc Berman (Elections Chair) as his committee takes a closer look at potential reformations to recalls and special elections, including the thresholds that allow them to occur. Although the County Board of Supervisors has not taken a keen interest in this matter, local legislators such as Cortese and Laird have signaled a willingness to work on this issue which costs local districts and communities a pretty penny. I will continue to update this body on where those conversations go and how you can potentially get involved at the local level (if that is of interest to you).

**AEC 2021/ Delegate Assembly** - Looking forward to seeing everyone down in sunny San Diego for [AEC 2021](#) at the [San Diego Convention Center](#) and [Marriott Marquis](#). Click on any of three linked titles for Covid FAQ's and venue information. I will make myself available in the hours before and after sessions at the Marriott for coffee meetings/ meet and greets in addition to our planned regional engagements.

**Federal Update** - The house infrastructure bill did in fact get through. I will be meeting with our legislative advocate assigned to federal issues next week and will share her analysis (if any is provided) on how this trickles down to local education.

**Special State Assembly Race-** With San Francisco Assemblymember David Chiu (D-17) recently appointed SF City Attorney, the Governor has set a date for the special election to fill his seat (April 2022). Former school board member and current City Supervisor, Matt Haney will face off against David Campos, the current Vice Chair of the State Democratic Party, former San Francisco elected official, and most recently served in an executive position for the county of Santa Clara. Both are registered democrats.

**Site Visit to Santa Clara County Schools** – Late last month I had the opportunity to visit public schools in Santa Clara County, a first since I joined the team at CSBA in 2020. It was quite moving to see the elementary students at Vargas Elementary have the ability to come to school for their Halloween parade, conduct pumpkin experiments, and just having the ability to learn and live with their friends at school. At Mountain View High School, students are able to participate in the in-person robotics program, a program supported by NASA and LinkedIn, their neighbors just up the 101. At Graham Middle School in Mountain View, students are also happy to be on campus, and are utilizing their large open spaces and state of the art performing arts theatre. All in all, this is a testament to our teachers, parents, support staff, and of course you, elected school board members and district staff. You have not taken a day off in ensuring peace of mind and safety for the kids in this brave new world. Many thanks to President Fiona Walter, CSBA delegates Devon Conley and Bridget Watson, as well as Sunnyvale Elementary School District, Mountain View Whisman School District, and Mountain View Los Altos High School District for inviting me on campus and showing me around. I look forward to visiting all of your LEAs in the near future.

**Thank you, Veterans!** - Wanted to give a special shout out to Regional Delegate George Sanchez and Sunnyvale Trustee, Nancy Newkirk for their military service to our country. George served in the US Army and Nancy served in the Navy Medical Corps. If I missed anyone else please let me know and will include for next year.

## Santa Clara County Office of Education Spotlight

### County of Santa Clara Public Health Department and Santa Clara County Office of Education Launch School-Based Vaccine Clinics for Children Ages 5 to 11

The County of Santa Clara Public Health Department, in partnership with the Santa Clara County Office of Education, has opened the first of what will be dozens of COVID-19 vaccination clinics at school campuses, starting with those located in neighborhoods disproportionately affected by the virus. One of the first school locations to begin providing COVID-19 vaccinations for children ages 5-11 is Katherine R. Smith Elementary School in San José on November 4. The Centers for Disease Control approved Pfizer COVID-19 vaccinations for children ages 5-11 on November 2.

Starting this week, the Public Health Department's Mobile Vaccination Unit will host vaccination clinics geared toward reaching children 5-11 at school campuses and community sites. This countywide effort prioritizes schools in communities with high ratios of COVID-19 transmission to community vaccination rates. School locations were selected utilizing Census Tract data to identify neighborhoods where vaccination numbers have traditionally trailed other areas. Three weeks after an initial vaccine clinic on campus, the Mobile Vaccination Teams will return to provide second doses. Ahead of the clinics, parents will receive packets of information about what to expect and required forms for vaccination. Parents or legal representatives must provide consent for their child to be vaccinated.

Since May 2021 when vaccines became available for ages 12+, the County has run vaccination clinics at 82 school campuses, with dozens more on the calendar in the coming weeks. These school-based clinics are being offered specifically for the students and families of the selected school. The County will also host "magnet" vaccination sites tailored specially to serving all children and families in the surrounding community.

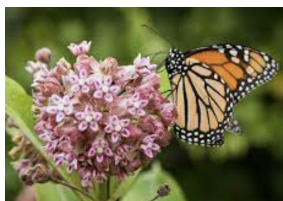
"These school-based vaccination clinics bring COVID vaccines directly to school communities, providing a critical layer of protection for children and families," said Dr. Sara Cody, Director of the Public Health Department and Health Officer for the County of Santa Clara. "We know the COVID vaccines are safe and effective for kids ages 5 and older, and we want to make it as easy as possible for kids to get vaccinated. These clinics provide better accessibility for many working parents and guardians and eliminates the need to them to take additional time off work."

"Vaccinated students will be able to participate in more activities and events," said Dr. Mary Ann Dewan, Superintendent of Schools in Santa Clara County. "Getting vaccinated helps keep students in in-person school, reducing the risk that they will have to stay at home away from school after exposure to someone with COVID-19."

Parents who are interested in getting their child vaccinated can access vaccines at their doctors' offices, pharmacies, community clinics or at County vaccination sites. Vaccination information, appointments and drop-in locations may be found at [www.sccfreevax.org](http://www.sccfreevax.org).

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## School District Highlights



### Cambrian School District

**Cambrian School District's Sartorette Elementary School** received a generous grant from the Happy Hollow Park & Zoo and Happy Hollow Foundation.

The school will create a pollinator-friendly space that engages students and community members alike. The long-term vision is that the milkweed plants that will be grown will be the heart of the project, drawing endangered monarch butterflies on a regular basis. The families of second and third grade students will help support the garden, in addition to school staff. Great job, Sartorette!

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### Milpitas Unified School District

**Milpitas HS sophomore Ava Woodhams has first book of new series published**



**Milpitas High School sophomore Ava Woodhams had her first book of a new series published in October through Atmosphere Press.**

Her literary work, titled "Fire a Girl, and Far Too Many Aliens," is available on [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) now!

Woodhams, now a published author, was honored at the MUSD Board of Education Meeting on October 12. She was joined by her mother and MUSD teacher Stephanie Woodhams as well as her younger sibling.

She started writing this book while at Alexander Rose Elementary School and finished polishing it up her 8th grade year at Thomas Russell Middle School and freshman year at Milpitas HS.



## Campbell Union School District

### Grant Award Brings New Wellness Center to Campbell District

Through a partnership with SCCOE and the County's Behavioral Health Services Dept., Campbell Union School District will open one of only four school-based wellness centers at middle schools in the county. Thanks to several grants aimed at supporting students' mental health, the new wellness center will open at Monroe Middle School in October.

"As part of our Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS), the center will provide both school-wide, early intervention, and intensive individualized intervention services to students and families who need it," said Student Services Director Rosanna Palomo. The wellness center is staffed with a full-time liaison and Licensed Marriage Family Therapist. Students and staff will be able to access the services before, during and after school, every day school is in session.

"We'll start with a focus on school-wide services, and then add services that are more targeted," said Monroe Principal Ruth Stephens Radle. "It is one more way to remove barriers to learning, optimize outcomes for our students, and allow teachers to focus on teaching and learning."



## Moreland School District

### Moreland Teachers Selected for Texas Instrument STEM Award & California League of Middle School Educator of the Year Finalists

In both October and November, our Moreland staff members have been honored both locally and regionally for their exemplary work. Join in congratulating Country Lane 3rd grade teacher Satomi Fujikawa and Easterbrook Discovery School 6th grade math/science teacher Joseph Sinn for being awarded the Texas Instrument STEM Educator of the Year award by the Santa Clara County Office of Education. In addition, three Moreland staff members are finalists for the California League of Middle Schools Educator of the Year. Join in extending additional applause to Moreland Middle School counselor Brad Edwards, Latimer School counselor Yonit Parenti, and Easterbrook Discovery School 6th grade math/science teacher Joseph Sinn. Moreland is so fortunate to have such dedicated and talented staff throughout all our schools.

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