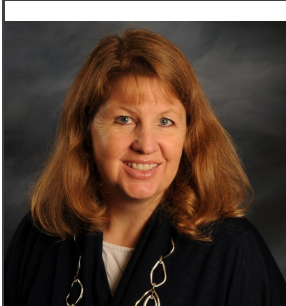


SCCSBA October 2021 Newsletter

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President's Message - by Fiona Walter

Hi, Everyone,

It's Thursday night. As I write this I'm thinking about those of you sitting in board meetings, facing your communities in what should be a civil and safe environment, working toward the best decisions for students. The reality is that some of you are feeling very far from safe and this is simply not ok.

SCCSBA with the help of our CSBA PACER Marty Fatooh is pulling together a webinar on safety at board meetings. We've lined up the Mtn View Chief of Police, a Santa Clara County Deputy District Attorney, and a representative from the Community Health Awareness Council (CHAC) for a discussion that will of course include Q&A with all of us. Watch for a date in the next few weeks.

In the meantime, I know folks are struggling. Please reach out to each other both for support and with support. Friends and colleagues are getting hit pretty hard and we know that thank yous are rarely given for the work we do.

Our Fall Dinner is an opportunity for in-person support. Join us on October 27th at Michael's Restaurant as we break bread together (outside), listen to student musicians (outside), and hear from Mr. Ted Lempert of Children Now (inside, masked). Can't wait to see you.

All the best,
Fiona

Friday, October 29 SCCSBA Zoom Meeting with County Superintendent Dewan

Our next zoom meeting with County Superintendent Dewan will be Friday, October 29 from 1:30-2:30 p.m. Look out for the Zoom invitation in your email box.

Wednesday, October 27 SCCSBA Fall Dinner - Michaels At Shoreline

We are so excited to announce that our annual Fall Dinner will be in person this year. We will be holding the event at **Michaels At Shoreline**. Our featured guest speaker will be Ted Lempert, President of Children Now. The evening will run from 6:00-9:00 p.m. **The deadline to register is Tuesday, October 19.**

Here is the link to register: falldinner2021.eventbrite.com

We will also be celebrating our new board members and Superintendents. All trustees and superintendents are invited to attend this special evening supporting all of our school districts and school boards.

Here a little info about Ted Lempert:

Ted Lempert is the President of Children Now, a national research and advocacy organization based in Oakland. Previously, Mr. Lempert was the founding CEO of EdVoice, a California education reform organization. Mr Lempert was also a California State Assemblymember representing San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties from 1996-2000 and 1988-1992.

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. 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.

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

October 28, 2021 SCCOE Teacher Recognition Celebration at the Corinthian Ballroom for the honorees and limited guests. Livestream will also be available.

Wednesday, October 27, 2021 at 6:00-9:00 p.m. In Person SCCSBA Fall Dinner, Michaels at Shoreline

Guest Speaker: Ted Lempert, Children Now

Topic: 2020-21 California County Scorecard on Children's Well-Being

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., Location TBD

(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

Santa Clara County Office of Education Spotlight

Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE) Announces 2021 County Teachers of the Year

In honor of World Teacher Day (October 5), the Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE) is pleased to announce the 2021 County Teachers of the Year.

“We want to take this opportunity to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of teachers across Santa Clara County for their ingenuity and perseverance over the past year and a half,” said Dr. Mary Ann Dewan, County Superintendent of Schools. “We are thrilled to be able to honor the achievements of educators who have gone above and beyond, despite the many challenges we all faced during this pandemic.”

The following exemplary educators will be honored for their achievements at the 51st annual Santa Clara County Teacher Recognition Celebration on Thursday, October 28, 2021:

Alum Rock Union School District, Tamara A. Bermudes
Berryessa Union School District, Angela Tsoi
Cambrian School District, Carolyn E. Sullivan
Campbell Union High School District, Mike Espinoza Jr.
Evergreen Elementary School District, Doris Malmin
Franklin-McKinley School District, Allan Wall
Fremont Union High School District, Muriel von Stein
Gilroy Unified School District, Ana L. Benich
Los Gatos Union School District, Wendy Ottinger
Los Gatos-Saratoga Union High School District, Marcy Cooper
Luther Burbank School District, Lisa Gil Harp
Mountain View Los Altos Union High School District, Jennifer Lewis
Oak Grove School District, Tayo Enna
Santa Clara County Office of Education, Marisela Orozco
Santa Clara County Board of Education Authorized Charter, Michelle Kara
Sunnyvale School District, Julio Alberto Delgado

The Santa Clara County Teacher Recognition Celebration hosted annually by the SCCOE is one of the oldest and largest events of its kind in California. Please visit www.sccoe.org/trc for more information about the Teacher Recognition Celebration, including its history and photographs and video of previous ceremonies. (This year's event will be livestreamed as the in-person attendance is limited.)

News Your General Fund Can Use: Solar Policy Update

Did you know that the California Public Utilities Commission is changing the ways schools will get paid for solar power? The CPUC is currently developing the next version of the Net Energy Metering Tariff (NEM 3.0).

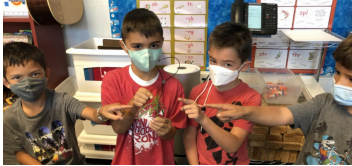
NEM allows customers to get credit from their utility for excess electricity that is exported back into the grid. At the end of each month, these credits are netted against the cost of electricity drawn from the grid. Many Santa Clara County schools with existing solar have benefitted from NEM 1.0 or 2.0, and this decision won't impact them.

Under NEM 3.0, changes proposed by the utilities and other parties include significant reductions in the value of export credits and increases in monthly fees. This could reduce the value of solar by 55% to 75%. The solar industry and others are seeking to mitigate these extreme changes and achieve a balanced outcome that would allow the adoption of solar to continue to be attainable for all customers, especially schools.

The CPUC expects to issue a final decision on NEM 3.0 in January 2022. If schools want to benefit from solar, they should work with an energy company to submit interconnection applications by January to be sure they will qualify for the existing NEM 2.0 tariff and better solar savings.

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School District Highlights



Cambrian School District

Steindorf Students Take Deep Dive on Butterflies

Creating their own butterfly effect! Steindorf STEAM School second graders are contributing to the monarch butterfly population through an annual project-based learning (PBL) effort. This is the fourth year the school's second grade classes have planted milkweed on campus and around the community to attract the endangered monarchs. The butterflies are laying eggs on the milkweed and now the school is seeing many butterflies on campus as a result! "This is a perfect example of what we do and how we solve real-world problems through project-based learning," said Steindorf Principal Lisa MacFarland. Teacher Kate Moody agrees, noting the resurgence of monarch butterflies on campus. "It's really about the success of the efforts of the past second graders' PBL," Moody said. "We have had daily sightings of monarchs and found at least 20 eggs that have been laid in our garden and hallways." Great job, Steindorf second grade classes!



Campbell Union School District

William Slade to Fill Provisional Appointment on Governing Board

On September 30, 2021, Campbell Union School District's Governing Board provisionally appointed William Slade to the seat vacated by Pablo A. Beltran in August. Slade, an accountant and managing director, lives in San Jose and represents Trustee Area 3. His son is in fourth grade at Blackford School.

"We think William's skill set and perspective as an involved parent will be a strong addition to the board," said Board President Richard Nguyen.

An active school volunteer, Slade also served as president of the Blackford School Site Council, which was gratifying as he applied his day-job skills to a very different industry. He will hold the office until the next regularly scheduled election, November 2022. The candidate who wins will fill the vacancy for the remainder of Beltran's term, which expires December 2024.



Milpitas Unified School District

Six Milpitas HS students named National Merit Scholar Semifinalists

A half dozen Milpitas High School students were recently selected as Semifinalists in the National Merit Scholarship Program. They are among about 16,000 students nationwide in the 67th annual NMSP to earn the designation based on results from the Preliminary SAT exam. In February, these six students will be notified if they have advanced to Finalist standing, which then qualifies them for about 7,500 scholarships worth nearly \$30 million.

Congratulations go out to Milpitas HS students Brian Dinh, Aaryaman Jain, Hirva Shah, Ryan Teoh, Chloe Yeap, and Rachel Yen, who were all honored by the MUSD Board of Education at the September 14 meeting for their academic accolades.

Learn more about each of them [here](https://www.musd.org/district-news/six-milpitas-hs-students-named-2022-national-merit-scholarship-semifinalists) (<https://www.musd.org/district-news/six-milpitas-hs-students-named-2022-national-merit-scholarship-semifinalists>)



Moreland School District

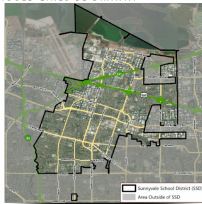
Selected Moreland Teachers Finish Final Year of Wipro Science Education Fellowship

The Moreland School District is proud to share that six Moreland teachers were accepted to be a part of the Wipro Science Education Fellowship program that began in August 2020 at Stanford University's Graduate School of Education. This 2021/2022 school year is their second and last year in the program, and the last year of the Wipro grant.

Baker teacher Sierra Vance, Country Lane teachers Chelsea Alvarez and Julie McKinley-Reed, Easterbrook Discovery Teachers Sarah Huggins and Stephanie Yue, and Moreland Middle School teacher Nick Guttudauro were six of 20 science teachers chosen in the Bay Area after a rigorous selection process.

Started in 2012, the Wipro Science Education Fellowship is a multi-year program, which aims to nurture excellence in science education in public school systems through teacher training.

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Sunnyvale School District

Transition to By-Trustee Area Elections

We value and promote the participation of our community in the process as we transition to "by-trustee" area elections. You are invited to attend one of our upcoming public hearings to review and provide feedback on whether the new boundary map reflects the community's preferences. This is a great opportunity to become involved in your community and to let your voice be heard.

November 4, 2021 | 7 p.m.

December 9, 2021 | 7 p.m.

The public hearings will occur during scheduled board meetings. The location will be in the Board Room at the District Office, 819 W. Iowa Ave, and on Zoom. Public comment will be taken in person and on Zoom. Click here to access the Zoom link.

Learn more: <https://ca01902799.schoolwires.net/Page/5360>

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