



## SCCSBA April 2018 Newsletter

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### President's Message - by Jodi Muirhead

On March 14<sup>th</sup>, students across the nation walked out of their classrooms to remember the 17 students who were killed in Parkland, Florida and reflect on violence in today's society. Then, March 24<sup>th</sup>, students organized again, around the world, this time chanting about gun laws and pleading for stricter gun control. I am awed to see our students standing up for their safety and advocating to adults who haven't been able or interested in helping to prevent the repeated tragedies of mass shootings. Our young adults are showing us that there is a future ahead for them. I am glad they are taking on this issue head-on. I participated in one of our high school's Run-Hide-Defend drills recently. As much as I think it is important to prepare our students for the possibility, I hate that they have to be ready for it. As we checked doors and evaluated barricades, I knew there were 30 teenagers just out of sight, being so quiet it was unsettling. This is not how I want our kids to be spending part of their day!

I attended last week's SCCSBA lunch with fellow school board members from around the county. Meeting once a month at locations throughout the county, we have had up to a dozen or more attend and each time I come away having learned something. A board member's life has the potential to be isolating. Who do you talk to when you aren't sure of what you are doing? How do you know if the way your board is doing something is the only way or the best way? Are other boards experiencing the same issues that you are? How are they dealing with it? At this month's lunch, held on a beautiful day at Shoreline Café, on the edge of Shoreline Lake in Mountain View, one topic that came up was hiring superintendents. Where else are you able to hear first hand what it is like to be a board member than from other board members? With trustees who are new to ones who have been on boards for years, topics vary widely. We will have lunches in May and June, so check the schedule further on in the newsletter to get the specific dates and locations.

Our annual Hoffmann Award dinner is just a week away. The committee has been working hard for months to narrow down the excellent applications to just a select few winners. We'll be treated to videos about each winning program and learn more about what makes them outstanding. Many thanks to Melissa Baten-Caswell, Thelma Boac and Ellen Wheeler for heading the committee to bring us this enjoyable evening. See you there!

The Santa Clara County School Boards Association (SCCSBA) is delighted to announce the 2018 winners of its prestigious Glenn W. Hoffmann Awards, a 33-year tradition that celebrates school and school district programs that significantly impact student success in our region.

We invite all Superintendents and School Board Trustees to attend our Hoffmann Awards Dinner Celebration on April 25 at David's Restaurant in Santa Clara. The Kristi Porter Award will be announced at the Dinner.

To register, please visit <https://april25hoffmandinner.eventbrite.com>

The event is sponsored by Engie Services, Santa Clara and San Benito Counties Building and Construction Trades Council and the Santa Clara County Office of Education.

Here are the 2018 Hoffmann Award winning programs below (in alphabetical order by district):

**Full STEAM Ahead: Future Engineers - Ryan STEAM Academy - Alum Rock Union School District**

**Attendance Improvement Program - Campbell Union School District**

**The Skillful Teacher- Fremont Union High School District**

**Pathways, Exposure, Academic Connection, Knowledge Program (PEAK) - Mountain View and Los Altos High Schools - Mountain View Los Altos High School District**

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## Save the Dates for SCCSBA Meetings and Events for 2018

Wednesday, May 23 , 2018 - SCCSBA Officers' Reorganization Dinner, Hong Fu Restaurant, 6:30-8 p.m.

Saturday, June 16, 2018 - Candidates' Workshop, 9 a.m.- Noon, Cupertino Room, Santa Clara County Office of Education. All School Board Candidates are invited to attend.

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## Next SCCSBA Networking Lunch - Friday, May 11

Our next Networking Lunch will be held on **Friday, May 11 at Mimi's Cafe (1200 El Paseo de Saratoga, San Jose). All trustees are welcome to attend.**

**Upcoming SCCSBA Lunch:**

**Friday, June 1 - Country Gourmet (1314 S. Mary Avenue, Sunnyvale)**



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## From the Desk of CSBA

The California School Boards Association is now sponsoring or cosponsoring seven pieces of legislation in 2018, including a bill to increase the LCFF base grants, and a disaster relief bill for school districts affected by the 2017 wildfires and other natural disasters.

**AB 2808 (Muratsuchi), LCFF Funding Increase:** CSBA is cosponsoring Assembly Bill 2808 (Muratsuchi), which seeks to move California toward the national average of \$12,526 per-pupil for K-12 education funding. The bill increases the size of the LCFF base grant targets by directing anticipated growth in Proposition 98 toward LCFF.

**AB 276 (Medina), Charter school transparency:** CSBA is cosponsoring Assembly Bill 276, a bill which would extend to charter schools requirements that have proven to be effective in ensuring public

access to meetings and records, and in minimizing conflicts of interest in traditional public schools. AB 276 states that charter schools and entities managing charter schools are subject to the Ralph M. Brown Act (or the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act, if the charter school is operated by an entity which is governed by that act), the California Public Records Act, the Political Reform Act of 1974 and Government Code 1090.

AB 1951 (O'Donnell), Pathways to College Act: CSBA is cosponsoring Assembly Bill 1951 to bolster college attendance for all students in California. The bill would allow LEAs the flexibility to administer an alternate assessment (such as the SAT or ACT) for 11th grade students in place of the Smarter Balanced Summative Test, if the alternate test has been approved by the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

AB 2285 (O'Donnell), Out-of-state prepared teachers: CSBA is cosponsoring Assembly Bill 2285, which would more closely align California's credentialing requirements for out-of-state teachers with its requirements for renewals of in-state credentials.

AB 3149 (Limón). Substitute teacher service and permits: CSBA is cosponsoring Assembly Bill 3149 to allow a substitute teacher to serve in a classroom until the teacher of record returns to work from a leave that extends longer than expected; this would amend current law which limits substitutes to no more than 30 days in the same classroom.

AB 3192 (O'Donnell), Medi-Cal Billing Option; audit guide: CSBA is cosponsoring Assembly Bill 3192 which would require the California Department of Health Care Services to, by June 30, 2019, prepare and distribute a fiscal and compliance audit guide for the LEA Medi-Cal Billing Option.

Please email [govrel@csba.org](mailto:govrel@csba.org) with any questions about these bills.

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## Santa Clara County Office of Education Spotlight

### Fiscal Advisor Named to Alum Rock Union Elementary School District

Dr. William Gillaspie, former deputy administrative officer for the Fiscal Crisis & Management Assistance Team (FCMAT), will serve as the fiscal advisor for Alum Rock Union Elementary School District starting April 23. His fiscal expertise will assist the district in strengthening its financial and operational processes.

"I am committed to supporting the district's efforts to improve its financial operations and in turn better serve its students and community," said Dr. Mary Ann Dewan, County Superintendent of Schools. "I have selected Dr. Gillaspie to work with Alum Rock because of his extensive experience leading FCMAT comprehensive studies on school districts where fiscal emergency has been declared by state legislature and assisted in fiscal recovery." [Read more](#)



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## District Highlights

### Milpitas Unified School District

#### Cal Hills' students fighting cancer one dollar at a time

When Calaveras Hills High School Principal Carl Stice takes to the track for Relay for Life on April 28 at Townsend Field in Santa Clara, he will be joined in solidarity with more than 30 students (nearly a third of the school's population) and staff members, cheering him on. The first lap of Relay is called the Survivor Lap,

when survivors and people currently affected by cancer walk the track to be cheered and supported by everyone in attendance.

**"I actually cried in front of the students when explaining how much it will mean to me to have them there during the Survivor Lap," Stice said.**

Not only will the students be standing by Stice's side during the event, but they are currently fighting cancer one dollar at a time by [fundraising for Relay](#), being held 10 a.m. Saturday, April 28 through 10 a.m. Sunday, April 29. The "Cal-Hills Mustangs" group has raised \$3,857.73 to date - with a goal of \$4,000 - for the 24-hour walking event that raises money and awareness about cancer prevention, research, and services through the American Cancer Society.

Read the full article [online now](#).

Read the full story, with more photos, [here](#) .

## Student Earned Perfect AP Calculus AB Score



Congratulations to Tommy Vo Tran, a junior from Evergreen Valley High School, for earning a PERFECT score on the Advanced Placement Calculus AB Exam in May! Tommy was 1 of only 6 students in the WORLD to earn every possible point on the exam in May 2017. He received the maximum score on each portion of the exam.

Watch [Tommy's interview on NBC's Asian Pacific America with Robert Handa](#)

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## Franklin-McKinley School District

### Announcement of New Board of Education Member: Maimona Afzal Berta

The Franklin-McKinley School District (FMSD) announces the appointment of Maimona Afzal Berta to the Board of Education. A special Board of Education meeting was held on April 7, 2018 where Maimona Afzal Berta was then appointed to the vacant position. She will serve through the remaining term until December of 2020.

Maimona Afzal Berta is a special education teacher serving at a middle school a few blocks from her childhood home in East San Jose. As a case manager and community advocate, she actively supports students in developing self-determination skills, so they are empowered to dismantle cycles of inequity and injustice. She believes in strong collaboration between educators, parents, families, and community members to meet the unique needs of every student.

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## Moreland School District

### Moreland Students Receive Regional Recognition for Community Service



Sixth grade students at Easterbrook Discovery School partnered with the Santa Clara Police Department to raise money for the Special Olympics Dash & Splash event, where a portion of the proceeds supported the school's Project Cornerstone program. In the process, the "6th Grade Super Skittles," also won two awards - one for being the top fundraising school (they raised over \$4,000) and one for having the best team costume. You can see the regional coverage they received [here](#).

Moreland Middle School student Aarushi W. was selected to be 1 of 5 Central Coast winners of the California Junior Scholarship Federation's Marian Huhn award, recognizing 7th/8th grade students for academic excellence and their service to their school and the community! Learn more about this award [here](#).

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## Campbell Union School District

### Board Passes School Safety Resolution

The Tk-8 Campbell Union School District Board wants lawmakers to support greater school safety through increased funding and "common sense gun reforms." [Resolution 2017-18-25](#), passed March 29th, calls for state and federal legislators to do more to bolster funding for services that support students' mental, physical and emotional health and protect students from gun violence. "Gun violence on school campuses, while relatively rare, represents a particularly egregious and unacceptable threat to the lives of students, teachers, and staff across the country," the resolution states.

The resolution also requests adequate funding to support students social and emotional needs in addition to their academic achievement.

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## Santa Clara Unified School District

Washington Open Named 2018 California Distinguished School

On April 2, State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson announced Washington Open Elementary School as one of 287 elementary schools being honored under the California Distinguished Schools Program. This program returns after a three-year break and replaces the California Gold Ribbon Schools Program.

“These schools implement outstanding educational programs and practices that help California students realize their potential, and put them on the path to achieve their dreams,” Torlakson said. “Every day at these schools, teachers, administrators and classified employees, working with parents, apply their dedication, creativity, and talents toward providing a great education for all their students.”

“Washington Open demonstrates what students can do and schools can become when the whole community is engaged in the education of our children,” says Santa Clara Unified Superintendent Dr. Stan Rose. “Principal Barbara Berman and the entire Washington Open community, including all staff members and especially the students, are to be congratulated for their commitment to the teaching and learning that occurs at Washington Open. Well done!”

[Read the full article on our website.](#)

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