

Welcome back to school!



SCCSBA August 2018 Newsletter

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President's Message - by Ellen Wheeler

Getting Outside Our Silos

Welcome back! We always feel enthusiastic and energetic at the start of a new school year. While we have this enthusiasm and energy, I'd like us also to think about what more we can be doing for our students. The theme I have chosen for this year is "Getting Outside Our Silos."

We know we work diligently on the "reading, writing, and 'rithmetic" part of schooling, and that's what we test for. But what about the other parts of our students' lives? What steps can we take so our children and families are ready for kindergarten? What steps can we take to educate "the whole child" and keep joy in their lives? And what about when we hand them off after high school? "College and Career Ready" is a modern catch phrase, but what does it actually mean, and what can we do to actually accomplish this for our kindergarteners-now-high-school-graduates? We'll have speakers about each of these topics at our monthly SCCSBA meetings and, I hope, some meaty discussions about them among our fellow trustees. Let's dive in!

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Welcome to Our New Superintendents

Paul Johnson, Los Gatos Union School District

Paul Johnson has been a California educator for 32 years and is currently in his first year as superintendent of the Los Gatos Union School District. His overall experience includes 18 years as a superintendent in four districts, the most recent being the Mill Valley School District which is 7 miles north of



the Golden Gate Bridge and the Loomis School District in the Sacramento area. Paul has also served in site and district leadership roles in urban and rural settings at both the secondary and elementary levels. Paul began his career teaching for the Jurupa Unified School District in Riverside County in 1987.



Dr. Donald Austin, Palo Alto Unified School District

Dr. Don Austin will lead the Palo Alto Unified School District into their 125th year of existence. Dr. Austin comes to Palo Alto after serving as the Superintendent of Schools for the Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District in Los Angeles County. In addition to his experience as a superintendent, Don has also had success as an Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services and eleven years as the principal of two comprehensive high schools.

Dr. Austin is a California native and has been in education for 25 years after attending Baker University in Kansas. The transition to Palo Alto includes his first move to Northern California. His three children are on track to pursue teaching careers of their own. Dr. Austin is committed to providing exceptional experiences for all students, closing achievement gaps, ensuring safe environments, and working with the community to build upon a tradition of excellent schools.

SCCSBA Calendar of Events and Activities for 2018-19

Wednesday, September 26, 2018 - SCCSBA Monthly Meeting at SCCOE, 7:30-9:00 p.m. (Topic: Artspiration and Arts in our Schools)

Wednesday, October 17, 2018 - SCCSBA Fall Dinner at Michael's Restaurant at Shoreline, 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Monday, October 22, 2018 - SCCOE Teacher Recognition Celebration at Campbell Heritage Theater, 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 14, 2018 - SCCSBA Monthly Meeting at SCCOE, 7:30-9:00 p.m. (Topic: From Silos to One System -Special Education in SCC and the essential role of Boards of Education)

Thursday, November 29 - Saturday, December 1, 2018 - CSBA Annual Education Conference in San Francisco with SCCSBA Reception on November 29 from 5:30-7:00 p.m

Wednesday, January 23, 2019 - SCCSBA Monthly Meeting at SCCOE, 7:30-9:00 p.m. (Topic: State of the County, Guest Speaker: Dr. Mary Ann Dewan, County Superintendent)

Saturday, January 26, 2019 - SCCSBA New Board Member Training at SCCOE, 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Wednesday, February 27, 2019 - SCCSBA Monthly Meeting at SCCOE, 7:30-9:00 p.m. (Topic: Career Technical Education - New Trends and Opportunities)

Saturday, March 2, 2019 - SCCSBA Legislative Brunch at MetroEd, 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Wednesday, March 27, 2019 - SCCSBA Monthly Meeting at SCCOE, 7:30-9:00 p.m. (Topic: Early Learning featuring Guest Speaker Ted Lempert, Children Now)

Wednesday, April 24, 2019 - SCCSBA Hoffmann Awards Dinner, Venue TBA, 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 22, 2019 - SCCSBA Passing the Gavel Dinner, Hong Fu Restaurant, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

SCCSBA Networking Lunch Calendar for the 2018-19 Year

Our very popular networking lunches will begin again on **Friday, September 14**. All trustees are welcome to attend these monthly lunches at various restaurants around the county. Here is our

calendar for the year ahead. If you have a favorite lunch spot, please let Bonnie Mace know (executivedirector@sccsba.org). All our lunches are scheduled from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Come and join us for all or part of that time.

Friday, September 14, 2018 - Country Gourmet (1314 South Mary Avenue, Sunnyvale)
Friday, October 5, 2018 - OPA! (276 East Campbell Avenue, Campbell)
Friday, November 2, 2018 - El Torito (477 E Calaveras Blvd, Milpitas)
Friday, January 4, 2019 - Aqui (10630 S De Anza Blvd, Cupertino)
Friday, February 1, 2019 - TBA
Friday, March 1, 2019 - TBA
Friday, April 5, 2019- TBA
Friday, May 3, 2019 - TBA
Friday, June 7, 2019 - TBA



From the Desk of CSBA

California is **spotlighting science, technology, engineering and math education through three bills** currently moving through the Legislature — Assembly Bill 2186 (Thurmond, D-Richmond), which seeks to create a one-time competitive grant for STEM education programs; AB 1743 (O, Donnell, D-Long Beach), which would establish ongoing career and technical education programs in K-12 schools; and Senate Bill 1243 (Portantino, D-La Canada-Flintridge), which would partner K-12 schools with colleges to provide access to college-level technology courses, among other goals.

As STEM education gathers momentum in the Legislature, it is **essential that board members focus on their role as local district policy makers** and implement practices that support the growth of STEM education.



Santa Clara County Office of Education Spotlight

This week, three Santa Clara County educators were named as county candidates for the **2019 State Teacher of the Year Competition**.

Each year, potential candidates are selected through the county-wide District Teacher of the Year Program. Fully credentialed teachers who have taught for more than eight years and who are interested in the state program, undergo a rigorous application and adjudication process during their summer break. A five-person panel of judges representing education professionals in varying areas of expertise review and rank the applications which are then certified by County Superintendent of Schools Dr. Mary Ann Dewan. "There is so much great work happening for students in our Santa Clara County public schools. I am inspired by the work of each teacher and I am looking forward to celebrating their accomplishments on stage at the 49th annual **Teacher Recognition Celebration** to be held on Monday, October 22 at the Heritage Theatre in Campbell," stated Dewan.



District Highlights

San Jose Unified School District

San Jose Unified School District joins local Fire and Police Departments in Emergency Preparedness Drills

In preparation for the 2018-2019 school year, San Jose Unified

(SJUSD) joined local Fire and Police Departments in a day of emergency preparedness drills for SJUSD bus drivers to ensure student safety throughout the school year. Rotating between classroom instruction and real-life training, more than 83 drivers learned how to react and respond to potential emergency situations. Demonstrations and drills included: safely evacuating students from a smoke-filled bus or rolled over vehicle and responding to hijacking and hostage situations. SJUSD transports nearly 2,500 students via school bus or van to SJUSD county and non-public school locations each school day.



Milpitas Unified School District

Milpitas Unified School District celebrates completion of 10th elementary school, Mabel Mattos

On August 6, Milpitas Unified School District held a ribbon cutting ceremony to mark the completion of Mabel Mattos Elementary School, the city's first new school in almost five decades named for its first historian. The event was a true community celebration with MUSD representatives, school faculty, staff, and students, project partners, members of the

Mabel Mattos family, and neighborhood residents in attendance. Mabel Mattos opened its doors with the start of the new school year on August 16.

"Mabel Mattos Elementary School is truly a reflection of the great work we do as a community, and the fulfillment of a vision our school and city leaders had nearly 15 years ago" said MUSD Superintendent Cheryl Jordan. "This will be a state-of-the art school employing cutting edge instructional strategies within grade level learning communities, fostering the curiosity and growth of our children and honoring the great historian for which it is named."

Read the full article [here](#).

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