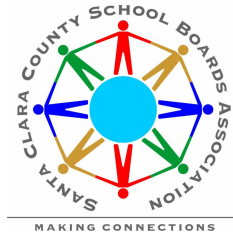


Welcome Back to the New School Year!



SCCSBA August 2021 Newsletter

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President's Message - by Fiona Walter

Hi, Everyone, and Happy 21-22 School Year!

I think we've all had our first day of school at this point. It's been wonderful seeing full classrooms on campus! The kids have been so careful with masking and so respectful of all the covid precautions in place – I'm looking forward to a great year.

I enjoyed reconnecting with many of you this past Thursday and it was especially nice to hear from Dr. Dewan after our summer break. I'm grateful for monthly slots with her – the information is always timely and the Q&A always leads to good conversations.

Our theme for the year is "Reimagine, Recovery, Renewal, Reflection." Watch for speakers/panels in these four areas. We open in September with three superintendents (K-8, K-12, 9-12) talking about their efforts to reimagine school during covid and more specifically in preparation for the 21-22 school year. Bonnie sent the calendar so you should have the full year's schedule (the website has also been updated: <https://legacy.sccoe.org/sccsba/>).

I hope you got some rest this summer and are ready to jump back into school board life. Thank you for all you do for our students – I'm happy to work alongside so many incredible people!

Cheers,
Fiona

September 30 SCCSBA Zoom Meeting with County Superintendent Dewan

Thanks to County Superintendent Dewan for taking time to kick off the new school year by meeting with us on August 12. Our next monthly meeting with County Superintendent Dewan will be September 30 from 1:00-2:00 p.m. In October, she will join us via Zoom on October 14 at 2 p.m. Look out for the Zoom invitations in your email box.

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, September 22, 2021 at 7:30-9:00 p.m. Zoom SCCSBA Monthly Meeting
Guest Speakers: Superintendent Panel featuring Dr. Michael Grove (LGSUSD), Dr. Ayindé Rudolph (MVWSD, and Dr. Stella Kemp (SCUSD)
Topic: Reimagine (Back to School – what has changed?)

October SCCOE Teacher Recognition Celebration (Date TBA)

Wednesday, October 27, 2021 at 6:00-9:00 p.m. In Person SCCSBA Fall Dinner (Venue TBD)
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. Zoom or In Person at MetroEd. Annual SCCSBA Legislative Brunch

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



From our CSBA Region 20 Representative Marty Fatooh

Trustees and Delegates,

Happy School Year 2021-22! On behalf of all of us at the California School Boards Association, we wish you all the best as we return to in person instruction!

With the recent announcement from Governor Newsom, regarding vaccination mandates, local education agencies are tasked with ensuring the success of the health and safety of students, teachers, and on site support staff. No doubt, the job will get done.

From a political perspective, all eyes are on California as Governor Newsom is now ramping up his efforts to defend his reputation and role as our Governor, as polling and pundits believe that the recall is a lot more serious than originally thought. On your ballot, you will see dozens of candidates running to unseat Newsom, including moderate Republicans such as former San Diego Mayor Kevin Faulconer and Roseville Senator, Kevin Kiley. Both were originally thought to be the only two serious contenders, however it is very clear that conservative talk show host and Los Angeles Native, Larry Elder is Newsom's biggest hurdle. GOP slate mail and influencers are encouraging Californians to select Elder as their candidate. As you have probably seen, President Biden and other top Democrats are all hands on deck for Newsom in the home stretch. CSBA does not support individual candidates or a specific political

party.

As most of your LEA's have already implemented the late start law, there are still some districts around the State that are still struggling to the adjustment. There have been conversations with the bill's author, Portantino to extend the implementation for some districts by no more than a few weeks.

I look forward to visiting many of you up and down the peninsula as my travel restrictions have been lifted for our public affairs team. If you would like to set up some time, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Thank you for your service,

Marty (mfatooh@csba.org)

Santa Clara County Office of Education Spotlight

Santa Clara County Office of Education Releases Statement in Support of COVID-19 Vaccine Verification for Public School Employees

The Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE) supports the new [public health order](#) issued by the California Public Health Department (CDPH) requiring public schools to verify that employees are fully vaccinated or tested regularly for COVID-19. Governor Gavin Newsom made the announcement during a press conference on Wednesday, August 11, 2021.

"As schools begin the new academic year with full in-person learning for the first time in more than a year, it is important that we take every possible step to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and to protect children who are too young to be vaccinated," said Dr. Mary Ann Dewan, County Superintendent of Schools, "Vaccination adds another layer of protection and is a key mitigation strategy against COVID-19 and the dangerous Delta variant circulating in our community."

The new policy for school staff takes effect August 12, 2021, and schools districts, charter schools, and county offices of education must be in full compliance by October 15, 2021. In addition to protecting yourself and others, vaccination status can have an impact on if and how long employees are required to quarantine after an exposure to COVID-19, and employees who are not vaccinated may be offered additional personal protective equipment under rules from Cal/OSHA.

"This announcement is an important step towards keeping our schools open and to ensure all students have a safe return to the classroom this year," said Dr. Dewan.

The SCCOE will be supporting their employees and school districts in implementing this new state health order. For information on the COVID-19 vaccine and where to get vaccinated, [click here](#). Robust and free testing resources are available to K-12 schools through the [CA K-12 schools testing program](#).

School District Highlights



East Side Union High School District New Superintendent Glenn Vander Zee

The East Side Union High School District Board of Trustees selected Glenn Vander Zee as Superintendent. Mr. Vander Zee has been an educator for more than 25 years. He has taught in elementary and middle schools, and he has served as principal at both the middle school and high school levels.

He is an innovative leader in education and has been recognized by his peers in education as the **National Principal of the Year – California, Middle Grades Principal of the Year, and Administrator of the Year**. Mr. Vander Zee has served as the Principal of James Lick High School, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Associate Superintendent of Educational Services and the Associate Superintendent of Human Resources in the East Side Union High School District. In each of these positions Mr. Vander Zee worked collaboratively with fellow educators to develop clear outcomes, positive relationships and innovations toward improved student outcomes.

Mr. Vander Zee said, "It is my honor to be selected as the District's Superintendent. I am humbled by the Board's selection and look forward to working with the amazing team of educators and professionals in the East Side community and to continue the work towards building equitable educational communities and opportunities for our students and families."



Morgan Hill Unified School District New Superintendent Dr. Carmen Garcia

On July 1, 2021 the Morgan Hill Unified School District will officially welcome Dr. Carmen Garcia to serve as the new Superintendent of schools. Dr. Garcia comes to the district with 22 years of experience in public education. After growing up in Southern California where she attended K-12 schools, Dr. Garcia graduated magna cum laude from the University of San Diego with a Bachelor of Arts degree in History and Spanish. Dr. Garcia earned a Master's Degree and teaching credential, embarking on her career in teaching before receiving her Doctorate from University of Southern California.

Throughout her career, Dr. Garcia has gained a broad perspective as teacher, researcher, principal, Assistant Superintendent and Superintendent. During this time she has worked to unite stakeholders and provide the resources and support for each and every student to reach their fullest potential. Dr. Garcia is excited to lead the Morgan Hill Unified School District into the next phase and strives for all students to have access to a quality education which will prepare them to be successful and productive members of society.



Cambrian School District New Acting Superintendent Kristi Schwiebert

Kristi Schwiebert is the Acting Superintendent for the Cambrian School District. She graciously stepped in to lead the district in June of 2021, upon the departure of the previous Superintendent, Dr. Carrie Andrews. While the Governing Board of Trustees conducts a thorough search for a new Superintendent, Ms. Schwiebert will provide leadership and maintain continuity until a permanent candidate is found. Ms. Schwiebert has successfully served as Cambrian's Assistant Superintendent of Personnel since 2019.

Ms. Schwiebert began as Fammatre Elementary's Principal in 2010. Due to her leadership abilities, she was offered the Principal position at Steindorf K-8 Magnet School, which took effect one year before the school was opened. Ms. Schwiebert was very involved in all decision-making processes with opening the school, classroom layouts and curriculum, to name a few. After four years at Steindorf, she was selected to be Cambrian's Assistant Superintendent of Personnel.

Ms. Schwiebert received her undergraduate degree in Liberal Studies from Cal Poly and her master's degree in Educational Leadership from San Jose State University. She has lived in the Cambrian neighborhood since 2001, raising her family. Ms. Schwiebert is a gifted educational leader, committed to educating the whole child, with deep ties within the Cambrian School District.



Union School District New Superintendent Dr. Carrie Andrews

We are pleased to announce that Dr. Carrie Andrews joined the Union School District in July 2021 as the new Superintendent of Schools. Dr. Andrews previously served as the Superintendent in the neighboring Cambrian School District since 2014.

With nearly 20 years in education, Dr. Andrews possesses extensive background in academia, public service and has dedicated her career to serving the needs of all students. A strong operational, professional and collaborative leader, Dr. Andrews' priorities include development and support of the whole child, social and emotional wellness and achievement, all hallmarks in Union School District.

Dr. Andrews received a Bachelor of Applied Science from the University of Minnesota, Duluth, and earned both her Masters and Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Educational Leadership and Organization from UCSB. Over the course of her professional career, she has also held leadership roles as an assistant superintendent of personnel, school administrator, teacher, and University of California Santa Barbara (UCSB) graduate teacher. For the past 17 years, Dr. Andrews' public work in education has been centralized to the Santa Clara area. Prior to this, she served in school communities from New Zealand, Minneapolis suburbs, southern California and the Central Valley of California.

She has a steadfast commitment to fostering student growth through student, staff and community collaboration and has joined the Union School District community with enthusiasm. "I'm eager to continue the great work in the Union School District, which has such an outstanding reputation in the community

Orchard School District New Superintendent Dr. Jeffrey Bowman

The Orchard School District is pleased to announce Dr. Jeffrey Bowman as the district's next superintendent, effective July 1, 2021. The search was conducted by the Santa Clara County Office of Education and included input from Orchard staff and community.

With a career that spans nearly 20 years in education, Dr. Bowman is a strong operational and collaborative leader with experience in human resources, business services, communications, operations and technology. He has held several leadership positions including teacher, assistant principal, principal, Director of Human Resources, Chief Information Officer and Chief Operations Officer at Cupertino Union School District, where he served for 12 years. Prior to that, Dr. Bowman worked at the San Bruno Park School District.

Dr. Bowman is committed to supporting families, employees and students. He credits his long-standing success as an educational leader to an ability to recognize and value nurturing positive, working relationships through transparent communication that is balanced with the use of data and research.

“I have learned a lot from my time of service working with the Cupertino Union School District. The employees, families and students will always hold a special place in my heart, and I wish them all continued success,” said Dr. Bowman. “I am excited to join the Orchard School District family, and I look forward to working with a community of educators who strive to serve the whole child and have a keen focus on supporting students. I am also looking forward to seeing staff and students bring our campuses back to life as we return to school in-person. We will do great work together at Orchard.”

Dr. Bowman received a Bachelor of Humanities from Menlo College, Atherton, and earned his Master's Degree in Education from San Francisco State University. He also earned a Doctorate in Educational Leadership from Saint Mary's College of California, Moraga.



Loma Prieta Joint Union School District New Superintendent Dr. Kevin Grier

The Loma Prieta Joint Union School District Board of Trustees unanimously approved the appointment of Dr. Kevin Grier as the district's new superintendent. Dr. Grier was the Director of Curriculum and Special Projects in Livermore Joint Unified School District and resides in San Jose. Dr. Grier has served as Director of Human Resources in Dublin Unified School District and has been the principal of elementary, middle and intermediate schools. Kevin began his career 29 years ago as a math teacher in Claremont, Ca.

Dr. Grier has a keen depth of knowledge in curriculum and instruction and has trained district staff in equity-based decision making and leadership. Throughout the Loma Prieta interview process, Kevin emphasized the importance of clear communication and building strong relationships. The Board was impressed with Dr. Grier's administrative experience and focus on students. They look forward to his guidance and leadership in the upcoming school year.

Kevin said he looks forward to visiting classrooms and getting to know the students and staff. “I am excited and humbled to be selected as the next superintendent of Loma Prieta. I can't wait to begin getting to know each of our fabulous students, working alongside our excellent staff, and engaging our community.”



Milpitas Unified School District

Milpitas HS's NJROTC program builds student leaders

When Milpitas High School senior Andrea Alatorre signed up for the Naval Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps, better known as NJROTC, she was quiet and uncertain like many incoming

freshmen.

Four years later, the 18-year-old cadet is full of self-confidence, leadership skills, and set to attend De Anza College as a biology major in the fall. “I learned how to use my voice and just communicate better,” Andrea shared. “It actually helped me come out of my shell.”

Junior Mehtab Kang, 16, now in his third year of the NJROTC, was shy and nervous when he first started the elective class at MHS. Kang, who comes from a military family and is a varsity basketball player, plans to parlay the leadership and organizational skills he's developed into a software and computer science pathway at a Naval Academy.

"I've created bonds with people I would never have expected to meet," said Mehtab. "The biggest thing is my growth as a leader, my organizational and management skills, and team building skills."

Lieutenant Margie Jackson, who served 34 years in the United States Coast Guard before retiring, is in her fourth year as the Senior Naval Science Instructor for the four-year program at Milpitas HS. This past year, she has 67 freshmen to seniors who come five days a week, and earn geography and life management graduation credits.

The NJROTC program is designed to teach high school students the value of citizenship, leadership, service to the community, personal responsibility, and a sense of accomplishment, while instilling in them self-esteem, teamwork, and self discipline.



Evergreen School District

Evergreen School District Summer Programs Extended School Year & Enrichment Opportunities

Over half of Evergreen Elementary School District's students participated in art, yoga, sports, STEAM activities and more in the district's Extended School Year and Enrichment Opportunities this summer. Offered to all district students, each of the district's school sites provided students fun and engaging ways to expand their learning from June 21-July 15. A total of 1163 elementary school students from non-Title 1 schools and 801 from Title 1 schools, and 469 middle school students participated.

Here are some examples of the different activities that allowed students to create, move their bodies, and have fun during the summer:

Middle Schools: School spirit days, ice cream socials, music performances at the end of summer school
Elementary: Ice cream socials, sports days, Treat Thursdays, Olympic Rhythmic Gymnastics, Olympic Theme parade, STEAM projects, art exhibit of pottery and metal repousse art pieces (hand pounded silver from Mexico). Some schools also offered a summer yoga class.

Evergreen's Summer Enrichment program also included Coding - Alexa Development Skills, Speech and Debate and daily Art classes.

The district looks forward to measuring the impact of the extended school year and enrichment opportunities on the growth in student learning and their social emotional learning during the 2021-22 school year.



East Side Union High School District

The All American High School Film Festival, the largest student film festival in the world, selected four of Mt. Pleasant High School student films to be part of this year's Festival in New York. Selected by industry judges, these films are selected as some of the best high school films of the year.

These films were produced by Mt. Pleasant High School graduates from the Class of 2021. Even through the pandemic, these amazing students honed their production skills and created their own films while in distance learning. The Mt. Pleasant High School student films selected to be part of this year's Festival include the following:

"Orange Skies from the Eastside" by Elijah Anaya

"The Alabaster Awakening" by Brian Diaz

"The Yellow America" by Bianca Castillo

"Trapped in the Tank" by Dominic Trapani

All four films are now an Official Selection and will be screened at the 2021 All American High School Film Festival on October 9th and 10th at Times Square in New York City. Each year, the All American High School Film Festival receives thousands of films submitted by student filmmakers from around the world.

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