

Have a wonderful holiday season!



## SCCSBA December Newsletter

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### President's Message - by Jodi Muirhead

I was sitting in a high school theater recently, listening to a music department winter's concert, and it makes me appreciate how special this time of year is. The theater was full of parents enjoying the music and thankful of how hard the students and their teachers work all year to put together programs such as these.

Students find meaning in their lives in different ways. For these students, it was their enjoyment of creating music. For others, it is art work displayed in their classroom. There are students who love their time doing science or enjoy coding at a computer. Or it could be their time researching historical periods or writing poetry. The wonderful thing is that our schools are able to offer students a variety of programs and projects so that each student can find an area that excites them about learning, and brings them back to school day after day.

It is an especially busy time of year at schools as they offer many holiday activities. I hope you are able to take time to enjoy the festivities of the season. Enjoy some moments to reflect and relax with your family and friends.

I look forward to seeing you in 2018! We'll be coming back at our January meeting to go more in depth on the Brown Act. You may know the basics, but Harold Freiman from Lozano Smith is going to go into much more detail on this important topic. Bring your questions! We will also be hearing presentations from board members who are interested in being part of CSBA's Delegate Assembly. As always, our monthly meetings are open to all board members.

Happy Holidays!

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

Wednesday, January 24, 2018 - SCCSBA Meeting - Delegate Assembly Candidate Presentations, Nominating Committee Formation, Discussion Topic: Brown Act 2.0 - Stepping to the Next Level with Guest Speaker Harold Freiman from Lozano Smith  
Oak Grove Room, SCCOE, 7:30-9 p.m.

Tuesday, February 13, 2018 - SCCOE/SCCSBA Symposium - TK-12 Innovations and Collaboration in STEAM at SCCOE

Wednesday, February 28, 2018 - SCCSBA Meeting - Nomination of Officers, Discussion Topic: Student

Trauma and Interventions  
Oak Grove Room, SCCOE, 7:30-9 p.m.

Saturday, March 3, 2018 - SCCSBA Legislative Brunch (Mission College), 9 a.m. - Noon

Wednesday, March 28, 2018 - SCCSBA Meeting - Topic: Declining Birthrates & Demographic Trends in Santa Clara County School Districts with Guest Speaker Tom Williams from Enrollment PC  
Oak Grove Room, SCCOE, 7:30-9 p.m.

Wednesday, April 25, 2018 - SCCSBA Hoffmann Awards Dinner, David's Restaurant, 6-9 p.m.

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

Saturday, June 2, 2018 - Candidates' Workshop, 9 a.m.-Noon

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## Next SCCSBA Networking Lunch - Friday, January 12

Our next Networking Lunch will be held on **Friday, January 12 at El Torito, 477 East Calaveras Blvd, Milpitas**. We are moving the lunch around to different parts of the county this year. If you have a great lunch spot in your community, please let Bonnie Mace know about it ([execdirector@sccsba.org](mailto:execdirector@sccsba.org)).

### 2017-18 Lunch Calendar

**Friday, January 12 - El Torito (477 E Calaveras Blvd, Milpitas)**

**Friday, February 2 - California Pizza Kitchen (3535 Monroe St, Santa Clara)**

**Friday, March 9 - Lakeside Cafe (3160 N Shoreline Blvd, Mountain View)**

**Friday, April 13 - Opa! Greek Restaurant (276 E Campbell Ave, Campbell)**

**Friday, May 11 - TBD**

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



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## From the Desk of CSBA's Legislative Staff

Among the stacks of bills which did not pass the Legislature in 2017 (known as "two-year bills") sit more than 60 measures affecting K-12 education on which CSBA has taken a position, any of which could potentially be brought back up this year. Change will come in the Senate's top leadership post in 2018, with President pro Tem Kevin de León (D-Los Angeles) announcing in December that, as he terms out this year, former Assembly Speaker and current Sen. Toni Atkins (D-San Diego) is set to become the next pro Tem, making Atkins the first female to serve in that role. The Senate is slated to officially vote for its next pro Tem this month.

2018 also marks the final year in office for Gov. Jerry Brown, and a new administration coming in 2019 may dictate the flow of several remaining 2017-18 bills. In particular, there is speculation in the Capitol that the current administration is unlikely to make significant investments in new programs or make substantial changes to the Charter Schools Act of 1992.

In its November Fiscal Outlook, the Legislative Analyst Office estimated that the total 2017-18 Proposition 98 guarantee will come in \$651 million higher than the enacted June budget, and that the Proposition 98 guarantee will grow by \$2.6 billion. Factoring in year-to-year growth and other adjustments, an estimated \$5.3 billion would be available for K-14 expenditure in 2018-19. If this amount or a comparable amount of funding is available, it will likely increase pressure on the administration and the Legislature to fully fund the Local Control Funding Formula, which the LAO opines could be done with this forthcoming budget.

The Senate and Assembly have until Jan. 31 to hear and pass existing bills introduced in their house last year and move the bills to the second house for consideration. Legislators have until Jan. 19 to submit new bill requests to Legislative Counsel, with the introduction deadline for new bills coming on Feb. 16. CSBA monitored more than 400 bills affecting education in 2017; look for a similar-sized crop of bills to emerge in 2018. For updates on 2017-18 bills, visit [www.csba.org/legislativenews](http://www.csba.org/legislativenews).

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## Santa Clara County Office of Education Spotlight

The Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE) has received a Golden Bell Award from the California School Boards Association.

This year, the SCCOE STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) Initiative was recognized for **STEAM: Innovative Professional Development Certificates**.

The certificate series was designed as a year-long innovative practice model to guide STEAM implementation in the classroom. The program focuses on professional development for educators that promotes deeper understanding, and helps create successful integrative practices that support educator learning beyond a one-day workshop.

"This robust training program for teachers is truly a collaborative project which would never be possible without the wonderful relationships we have established with the industry and our community," says Esther Tokihiro Director of the STEAM Initiative.

[Read more](#)



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## District Highlights

### Berryessa Union School District

The Berryessa Union School District is proud to announce the opening of the San Jose Public Library system's latest "Bridge Library" at Northwood Elementary School.

A "Bridge Library" offers local residents of underserved neighborhoods access to library resources. Through a partnership with City of San Jose, First 5 California, Health Trust, San Juan Bautista Family Resource Center, and the San Jose Public Library, this Mini Bridge Library provides over 350 books for early literacy. Northwood's Bridge Library connects the Northwood Family Resource Center with the full range of library services offered by San Jose Public Library branches.



### East Side Union High School District

Yerba Buena High School's AVID, Engineering, Green Construction/Architecture, Special Education, and AP Environmental Science students are busy with the development of Project Terra, a project-based collaborative learning project.

With the help of a grant from the Santa Clara Water District, students converted a high-maintenance lawn into a garden, environmental education and green energy outdoor learning area. This project teaches students ecological sustainability, environmental awareness, and responsible agricultural practices.

Features include planter boxes for students and community, chicken coop, worm composting, regular composting bin. Yerba Buena has reduced their green waste to almost zero. Future plans include a green house, engineering shed, solar panels, and wind turbines.

Community donors/supporters include Ecology Action, Orchard Supply, City of San Jose, Santa Clara Water



## Santa Clara Unified School District

### New Board Leadership

Some exciting announcements were made at the December 7 board meeting! Introducing our newly appointed Board President Noelani Pearl Hunt, Board Vice President Michele Ryan, and, in a new position for the Board of Trustees, Jodi Muirhead will be taking on the role of Clerk. Jodi Muirhead is also the current Santa Clara County School Boards Association President.

### School Facilities Update

The District is developing a detailed plan to address critical facilities needs and may consider a new bond. Please read our newest publication, [School Facilities Update](#), to learn about our facilities needs, successes, and priorities. The publication includes a message from Superintendent Rose and a hard copy and online opinion survey. The [online "facilities survey"](#) is live through December 31 and the publication has been mailed to our entire community, including students' families. Your opinion is important to us! We look forward to hearing from you.



## Moreland School District

### Moreland Employee/Trustee Groups Join Together for Budget Advocacy

Superintendent Mary Kay Going has created an outreach campaign to bring focus to inadequate public education funding and to encourage advocacy for increasing funding in the 2018/2019 school year. Joined with a representative from each employee organization (CTA, CSEA, ACSA), as well as a member from the District's Board of Trustees (CSBA), Superintendent Going is presenting the state of the Moreland budget and predictions for forthcoming state budget projections to staff and parent groups at every school site. The goal is to provide transparency on multi-year budget reductions and to share ways that the community can advocate for adequate funding for our California public schools. All attendees are able to access the presentation and a flyer with advocacy steps here: <http://bit.ly/StandUpForPublicEd>



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