

Happy Holidays to All!



SCCSBA December 2018 Newsletter

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President's Message - by Ellen Wheeler

"We are the World"

A school board colleague sent out a clip of the 1985 super-group recording that raised \$10.5 million (equivalent of \$24m today) for Africa famine relief. From wikipedia: "The single was also a commercial success: the initial shipment of 800,000 "We Are the World" records sold out within three days of release. The record became the fastest-selling American pop single in history." In 2010, another super-group made a similar recording to raise money for Haiti.

We school board members "are the world, making a brighter day." We do the work of running for office, sitting through long meetings, hearing complaints, and what for? It's not for the "money." We give because we do it for love. We do it for the children. I admire all of you who ran for office this election cycle and won. I admire the rest who ran for office this term and lost. I hope we continue to benefit from those among us who still have lots to share even though they have lost their trustee seat.

Read these lyrics and lift your heart:

"We are the world. We are the children. We are the ones who make a brighter day, so let's start giving. There's a choice we're making. We're saving our own lives. It's true we'll make a better day just you and me."
(Thank you Michael and Quincy.)

New Board Member Training - Saturday, January 12, 2019

The Santa Clara County School Boards Association and the Santa Clara County Office of Education would like to invite you to our **New School Board Member Training on Saturday, January 12 from 8:30 a.m. to Noon**. The training will be held in the Oak Grove Room of the Santa Clara County Office of Education (1290 Ridder Park Drive, San Jose).

New school board members have found this to be a very useful and informative training providing the opportunity to hear from legislators, school board members and superintendents from throughout the county. This training is completely free of charge, and it is an invaluable opportunity to learn from leaders with deep experience in school board governance in our county.

To register: january12training.eventbrite.com

SCCSBA Calendar of Events and Activities for January-June 2019

Saturday, January 12, 2019 - SCCSBA New Board Member Training at SCCOE, 8:30 a.m. - Noon

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)

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.



Next SCCSBA Friday Lunch - January 11, 2019

Our next SCCSBA Friday Lunch will be held at **Aqui** in Cupertino on Friday, January 11. The address is 10630 South De Anza Blvd, Cupertino. The lunch will run from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. All trustees are invited to attend. It's a great chance to network and share ideas.

Upcoming SCCSBA Friday Lunches

Friday, February 1, 2019 - Sweet Tomatoes (625 Coleman Ave, San Jose)

Friday, March 1, 2019 - Panera Bread (1706 Oakland Rd, San Jose)

Friday, April 5, 2019 - Country Gourmet (1314 South Mary Avenue, Sunnyvale)

Friday, May 3, 2019 - OPA! (276 E Campbell Ave, Campbell)

Friday, June 7, 2019 - TBA



CSBA Spotlight

Fiscal outlook for 2019-20: Budget strong overall, Prop. 98 growth moderate

The annual 2019-20 California's Fiscal Outlook, released by the Legislative Analyst's Office, predicts modest growth for school and community college funding, but shows an overall positive picture and strong revenue growth for the state budget in

general. While in the LAO's words, "it is difficult to overstate how good the budget's condition is today," the anticipated 2019-20 Proposition 98 guarantee is \$80.8 billion (3.1 percent growth) over the revised 2018-19 funding level. The revised 2018-19 and 2017-18 guarantees are reduced by \$461 million and \$226 million, respectively, with the reductions primarily attributed to declining attendance statewide. LAO estimates that the state's rainy day fund could reach \$14.5 billion at the end of 2019-20, and an additional \$14.8 billion in discretionary resources on top of the rainy day fund could be available in the 2019-20 budget process. The LAO also provides a county-by-county chart showing anticipated percent growth in school property taxes, where statewide growth of \$1.2 billion is predicted. The LAO outlines two potential longer-term scenarios beginning in 2020-21 (one for continuing growth, the other for a recession), but does not offer a prediction on whether or not a recession will occur. This annual Fiscal Outlook is the unofficial start of discussions in Sacramento on the development of the state budget proposal; the initial proposal will be released on or before Jan. 10, 2019.

[View 2019-20 Budget Outlook](#) | [View 2019-20 Proposition 98 Outlook](#)



California School Dashboard arrives with new indicators, look for 2018

The fall 2018 version of the California School Dashboard is now live and brings with it several additions and changes for board members to be aware of, namely the presence of a new indicator measuring grades K-8 chronic absenteeism for schools, districts and county offices of education. Due to the changes, 374 districts

qualify this year for differentiated assistance through the System of Support, compared to 228 districts in 2017. Ninety-three districts that qualified for differentiated assistance last year are no longer eligible for it, the California Department of Education announced Dec. 5.

The Dashboard, first released in spring 2017 as the successor to the much-maligned [Academic Performance Index](#), aims to assess students by going beyond test scores, providing parents with a fuller picture of student performance across the state by including measures such as graduation rates, suspension rates, attendance rates and college/career readiness benchmarks.

Statewide data on high school graduation, suspension and chronic absenteeism rates broken down by student group was [released by the California Department of Education in November](#) and is incorporated in the new Dashboard.

"The Dashboard shows us which students have the greatest needs and which areas of our educational system need the most attention, which is exactly what it was designed to do," said State Board of Education President Michael W. Kirst. "Challenges that once may have been hidden, such as how poverty, homelessness and disability affect student learning, are now in sharp focus. Conversely, it also shows us which school districts are succeeding so they can serve as models for others as we build professional sharing networks throughout the state."

Santa Clara County Office of Education Spotlight

Professional development program receives ISTE seal of alignment *Professional Innovation Pathways provide free and low-cost offerings for Educators*

Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE) received an official Seal of Alignment from the International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) for the Professional Innovations Pathways program.

"The **Professional Innovation Pathways** (PIP) program offers an online and blended learning program to help educators, administrators, and school employees refine their skills on their own time and at their own pace," a stated Craig Blackburn, Director of Education, Business, and Web Technology. "We offer digital badging and micro-credentials which allow teachers and administrators to personalize their professional learning to their unique needs and interests," added Blackburn. "The program is currently available free of charge, and the coursework is eligible for Professional Development Graduate Level Credit (non-degree applicable) through University of the Pacific (UoP). The cost of each UoP semester unit is currently \$70," added Blackburn..

District Highlights

San Jose Unified School District

SJUSD's Lincoln High School Joins TEALS to ensure equitable access to future-ready skills in Silicon Valley

Growing up in Silicon Valley doesn't ensure a student will be tech savvy. In fact, many young people in the U.S. don't have the opportunity to try computer science, even here in the shadow of high tech companies. To promote tech learning in school, SJUSD's Lincoln High school teachers, volunteers and administrators worked together to increase access to technology and the tools students need to enter high-paying jobs. By joining with Microsoft Philanthropies' TEALS- Technology Education and Literacy in Schools, the school was able to expand its offerings. Learn more about TEALS in this video featuring Lincoln High School: https://youtu.be/9n1Jr5ro1_I.



Moreland School District

Moreland Students Receive Regional Recognitions

Moreland is excited to share recent regional recognitions:

- Team CENTER, a group of three Moreland Middle School (MMS) students, is one of only five teams that advanced to the First LEGO Robotics Northern California Peninsula District Championship taking place this month at St. Francis High School in Mountain View. Learn more here: <https://www.moreland.org/apps/news/article/960270>

- Felipe Feldman, an 8th grader at Easterbrook Discovery Middle School (EDMS), has been selected to be a part of the SJZ High School All Stars, a regional audition-based jazz band for students

interested in the study and performance of jazz. The only 8th grader on this year's ensemble, Felipe is a saxophonist in his third year with EDMS' Jazz Band.



Morgan Hill Unified School District

Performing arts opportunities can provide a terrific boost to children's school connectedness and achievement. At Martin Murphy Middle School in MHUSD, a new theater program is underway. Plays written, directed and performed by students are exploring issues of respect, inclusion and safety in an elective course that features main-streamed SPED, EL and GATE students working together. Board members were treated to a student-produced skit at a recent meeting. The program will receive much needed support from a new federal grant to integrate the arts across core subjects in K-8. In the photo, Murphy students are rehearsing for "Snoopy."



Campbell Union High School District

Moving performances from six high school marching bands brought Campbell Union High School District and the surrounding community together for a worthy cause. On November 27, Giving Tuesday, bands from across Santa Clara county including Del Mar, Los Gatos, Westmont, Branham, Santa Teresa and Leigh High Schools participated in a Wildfire Benefit Concert at Leigh High School to raise money for Paradise wildfire victims. The fundraising event raised \$15,000.

The rain didn't stop the bands from performing in front of a packed stadium full of dedicated parents and spectators. The concert also allowed the marching bands to perform their final show after smoke from the Butte County fires forced cancellations of their performances prior to Thanksgiving Break.

The "Camp Fire" in Butte County was the deadliest and most destructive wildfire in state history, leaving thousands homeless during the holiday season.

If you're interested in donating, here are some of the organizations currently accepting monetary donations:

- [North Valley Community Foundation](#): 530-366-0397
 - [Butte County Office of Education](#): 530-532-5650
 - [Caring Choices](#): 530-899-3873
 - [American Red Cross](#): 1-800-435-7669 or text REDCROSS to 90999
 - [The Salvation Army](#): 530- 776-1009
 - [United Way of Northern California](#): To donate, text BUTTEFIRE to 91999
 - [Go Fund Me](#): Click [here](#) to donate
 - North Valley Animal Disaster Group: donate [here](#)
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Franklin-McKinley School District

McKinley and Santee Elementary Students Show with a Cop

Shop with a Cop Foundation of Silicon Valley has partnered with Santee and McKinley Elementary to provide 80+ students with the opportunity to be a part of the Readers are Leaders Program. The Readers are Leaders Program takes place over the course of 10-12 weeks at each school with a focus on improving literacy proficiency among elementary age students.

Each student that made growth of 100 points or more earned the opportunity to participate in the Heroes and Helpers Holiday Shopping Spree on December 4th. Each selected student received a \$150 Target gift card from the Shop with a Cop Foundation to purchase Christmas gifts for their family members and themselves. We are extremely proud of all participating students and their achievements in the Readers are Leader Program! [Full news story here.](#)

District Hosts 1st Design Team Meeting for Vietnamese Dual Language Immersion Program

The Franklin-McKinley School District hosted its first Design Team Meeting for the new Vietnamese

Dual Language Immersion Program that will be launching in the fall of 2019. Starting with two Kindergarten Classes in the fall, the new program will build student bilingualism and biliteracy in English and in Vietnamese. The Design Team is composed of multiple stakeholders including local Vietnamese focused non-profit leaders, County Office of Education, staff, parents, and District leadership. The purpose of the Design Team will be to support the District through the planning process over the next several months. [For more information click here.](#)



East Side Union High School District

Yale National Institute Fellows

Three ESUHSD teachers were named 2018 Yale National Fellows: James Lick High School teacher, Sheila Lacanaria, Oak Grove High School teacher, Jennifer Vermillion, and Overfelt High School teacher, Lawrence Yee.

The fellows participated in seminars led by Yale professors and developed research-based curriculum units that are now published on the Yale National Institute website. The initiative aims to strengthen teaching and learning in high-need public schools by deepening the teachers' content knowledge through a first-hand experience in the Teacher Institute approach to high-quality professional development.

All of these research based units were created specifically with our population in mind and use the most current research and pedagogical strategies to positively impact our students. You can view each of the teacher's units at teachers.yale.edu: Ms. Lacanaria's science unit, "Chemical Warfare and the Rise of Antibiotic Resistance," Ms. Vermillion's English unit entitled "Juvenile Justice in California," and Mr. Yee's math unit, "Enumerating Daily Life with Counting Principles, Permutations, and Combinations".

MetroED

MetroED Visits New Taipei City in Taiwan

Last month, Governing Board Member **Katherine Tseng**, Superintendent **Alyssa Lynch**, and SVCTE Mechatronics Engineering teacher **Jim Burnham** visited New Taipei City in Taiwan. They spent a full week touring seven youth vocational schools. Alyssa and Jim delivered keynote speeches that showcased what our SVCTE students are learning and building in our classes.

- [View the Facebook photo gallery](#)

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