



## SCCSBA December 2022 Newsletter

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### President's Message - Bridget Watson

Hello SCCSBA Friends and Colleagues,

Happy Holidays! I hope everyone is doing well and feeling a sense of accomplishment after finishing the first half of the school year! Elections are over, new folks are being sworn in, and now we are all ready for a little relaxation and (perhaps) a little down time before we start a new year, many of us with new governance teams, to continue the important work ahead!

It was great to connect with so many of you amazing people in San Diego at CSBA's AEC - at engaging sessions and events ... and of course at our mixer with San Mateo! I have to say that I'm inspired by you all and the effort, talent, interest, compassion and grit you bring to the job.

In the new year we have some meaningful programming ahead of us at SCCSBA, with a mix of in-person and online events and resources. Please feel free to reach out with any questions or suggestions.

Wishing you all the best this holiday season, with much health and happiness,  
See you in 2023!  
Bridget

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### Call for nominations for the CSBA Delegate Assembly

**Nomination, appointment and candidate biographical sketch forms due Saturday, Jan. 7, 2023**

CSBA's Delegate Assembly is a vital link in the association's governance structure. Working with local districts, county offices, the Board of Directors and Executive Committee, Delegates ensure that the association reflects the interests of school districts and county offices of education. The Delegate Assembly is comprised of Delegates who are elected and appointed by local board members in 21 geographic regions throughout the state. Delegates will serve two-year terms beginning April 1, 2023 through March 31, 2025. The Delegate Assembly meets twice each year.

Nomination, appointment and candidate biographical sketch forms for CSBA's Delegate Assembly are now being accepted until Saturday, Jan. 7, 2023. Please see the memorandum from President Dr. Susan Heredia for districts and odd-numbered counties. Links to the nomination and appointment materials along with the candidate biographical sketch can be accessed from CSBA's website at [www.csba.org](http://www.csba.org)

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### SCCSBA January 25 Evening Zoom Meeting

January's regular Monthly evening SCCSBA meeting will feature Dr. Mary Ann Dewan, County Superintendent, for her annual *State of the County in Public Education* report. We hope to have the information from CSBA to elect our Region 20 Delegates for the 2023-2025 term at this meeting. Candidates for the Delegate Assembly should be prepared to speak for approximately 2 minutes. At this

meeting we will select a nominating committee for our Executive Committee Officers (President, Vice President, Treasurer) for the 2023-24 school year.

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## Upcoming Events

**Saturday January 28th, 2023 - SCCSBA's New Board Member Training** in person at the Santa Clara County Office of Education. We plan to have a few panel discussions, including one of current superintendents and another of current trustees, and we will have plenty of time for Q&A. We will serve a continental breakfast. This event is free of charge to all new board members in our county. To register, visit <http://january28newboardmembertraining.eventbrite.com/>

**Wednesday February 22nd, 2023 SCCSBA Monthly Meeting: Anti-Hate** - We are organizing a panel discussion with students, faculty, and representatives from the Santa Clara County Office of Education regarding experiencing, responding to, and preventing Hate Crimes in our schools and community. The Nominating Committee will present the 2023-24 SCCSBA Executive Committee/ Officer Nominations at this meeting as well.

**Wednesday March 22, 2023, SCCSBA Monthly Meeting: Juvenile Justice: Impact of Expulsions**  
We plan to have a panel discussion of experts and child welfare advocates regarding the short and long term impact of the practice of expulsions on students, families and communities. Come ready to vote for 2023-24 SCCSBA Officers!

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## SCCSBA Legislative Action Committee Update

### Annual SCCSBA Legislative Brunch

**SAVE the DATE: Saturday, February 25th, 2023 9 am - 1 pm**

The Hub in Stanford Research Park

3215 Porter Dr

Palo Alto, CA 94304

**This will be a hybrid event with both in-person and online options. Stay tuned for more information on how to register.**

Top 3 issues from our recent 2022 SCCSBA LAC Survey of trustees  
English Language Learners, Mental Health & Wellness, Special Education.

These priorities will inform our upcoming meetings with legislators. School District Staffing (credentialed and classified) was a big area of priority in the survey, especially in areas like Special Education. Other areas of interest include expanding or creating wellness centers at schools, having more stable funding for districts, and legislation to encourage/incentivize teaching professionals (housing, pathways, loan assistance).

The Legislative Action Committee presentation at CSBA AEC went extremely well and generated thoughtful questions from the session participants. We are happy to provide the presentation and backup materials to any interested SCCSBA members

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## CSBA Delegate Assembly Update

All 12 delegates from our Region (20 - Santa Clara County) attended the Delegate Assembly (DA), an in-person 2-day meeting prior to the AEC. DA provided information and context for delegates in their roles as advocates and trustees, held elections for CSBA officers and directors, and provided a forum for delegates to provide input on policy direction for the Board of Directors and executive team.

CSBA's (then) Vice President, Albert Gonzalez, led our caucus discussion about the DA agenda and provided context/ answered questions. All of our delegates participated at this meeting: Teresa Castellanos (San Jose Unified), Lorena Chavez (East Side HSD), Danielle Cohen (Campbell Union), David Guidry (Los Gatos- Saratoga Union HSD), Rosemary Kamei (Santa Clara County Office of Education) Van Le, (East Side HSD), Jodi Muirhead (Santa Clara Unified), Mary Patterson (Morgan Hill Unified), Carol Presunka (Cambrian), George Sanchez (Franklin-McKinley), Wendy Sullivan (Morgan Hill Unified), and Bridget Watson (Sunnyvale). We missed Devon Conley, our Region 20 Director, who is on maternity leave.

### Exciting News: Santa Clara Trustees elected to Important CSBA roles at Delegate Assembly:

- Devon Conley, (re-elected) CSBA Region 20 Director, Mountain View Whisman SD Trustee
- Sylvia Leong, CSBA Director-at-Large Asian/Pacific Islander, Cupertino Union SD Trustee
- Albert Gonzalez, CSBA President-Elect, Santa Clara Unified School District Trustee

Other DA elections for CSBA:

- Joaquin Rivera, Director at Large Hispanic, Alameda County Board of Education

Many Briefings! Staff from the Research and Education Policy Development team updated DA on Covid 19 funding. Government Relations Update for both the state and the Federal Govt. (bills, what to expect in 2023, Federal election results, the Lame Duck Session, the Federal Budget, congressional actions, cybersecurity, ESSER, nutrition, mental health, Title IX, Special Education, charter schools, higher education, DACA, and the US Department of Education)

Policy Pillar Committees met for the first time and discussed each of the following topics: (1) Strengthen Local Governance, (2) Secure Fair Funding, (3) Improve Conditions of Children, and (4) Ensure Achievement for All. Each committee reported out 3 recommendations for their pillar.

Written Reports were provided to the Delegates: State Board of Education Update, AEC Planning Committee Written Report

If you have any questions regarding the Delegate Assembly, please reach out to any of the above delegates or contact SCCSBA's Executive Director Bonnie Mace, and she will be happy to direct you to the correct person.

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## Santa Clara County Office of Education Spotlight

The Santa Clara County Office of Education is proud to host a homeownership webinar with Housing Trust Silicon Valley about the Empower Homebuyers SCC program! Join us to learn about this down payment assistance loan program and how the County of help you own your first home.

Administered by Housing Trust, Empower is a down payment assistance loan to help first-time homebuyers with up to 17% of the purchase price of a single-family home, condo, or townhome in Santa Clara County. The maximum loan amount is \$187,000 on a home which is \$1,100,000. With only a 3% down payment required from the homebuyers, a 20% down payment on the home is possible. As a 30-year deferred loan, no monthly loan payments are required.

This program is made for those with low to moderate incomes in the Bay Area. For example, with a household of four people, if your combined income is \$202,200 or less, you may be eligible. If you want to buy a home just for yourself and make \$141,550 or less, you may also qualify. All are welcome.

To learn more visit [HousingTrustSV.org/Empower](https://HousingTrustSV.org/Empower)

WHEN: Wednesday, February 8, 2023, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

REGISTER: <https://bit.ly/EmpowerFeb8>

Questions? Email: [EmpowerHomebuyersSCC@housingtrustsv.org](mailto:EmpowerHomebuyersSCC@housingtrustsv.org)

Call: (408) 703-3837 Ext. 301.

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## School District Highlights



### Cambrian School District

#### Reaching Out Emergency Food Program

For the fourth year in a row, Cambrian School District partnered with the Reaching Out Emergency Food Program to help provide fresh, nutritious groceries during the holidays— FREE of charge. The voucher includes large quantities of fruit, vegetables, canned goods, milk, eggs, and meat. More than 100 vouchers were provided to district families, who will attend a large food distribution event at the Reaching Out Center in San Jose on December 23rd. The vouchers were for ANY families, there are no specific requirements to qualify.

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### Milpitas Unified School District

**MUSD welcomes first Indian-American trustee to its Board of Education**



Milpitas Unified School District is proud to welcome the first Indian-American elected official in the city of Milpitas to its Board of Education, with the election of Anu Nakka to a four-year term on the MUSD school board.

Nakka, a PTA Council President and MUSD parent of two daughters, won one of three seats on the MUSD Board along with incumbents Chris Norwood and Kelly Yip-Chuan who were re-elected for new four-year terms. Nakka, who moved to Milpitas from India in 2001, will be sworn in on December 13, 2022. In the photo (above),

Nakka is recognized by the Board and District leadership for chairing the committee for the successful Measure E parcel tax renewal campaign in June 2022.



## MetroED

### Sports Medicine and Kinesiology program receives state-of-the-art Anatomage Table

by Shannon Carr, [scarr@metroed.net](mailto:scarr@metroed.net)

Maggie Kasberger can now teach lessons about life from the dead through a new Anatomage Table in her Sports and Medicine Kinesiology program with Silicon Valley Career Technical Education (SVCTE).

The touch-screen equipment provides a realistic life-sized 3D anatomy system as if the students were working with an actual cadaver and allows them to conduct virtual dissections on images of real-life bodies that were donated for science. They also can view a beating heart, explore the impact of various diseases or injuries, and drill down to closely study each system of the human body.

The table can lay horizontally and also be propped up and put onto the screen to allow all students to see it at the same time from their desks. Additionally, they can answer questions on their iPads and submit them to Kasberger.

"I am beyond ecstatic about the table," she said.

Even before the equipment was received, Kasberger said nearby college institutions raved about the program in place for students.

[Read more](#)



Steve Chen

Dr. Misty Davies

Alex Shultz

## Los Gatos-Saratoga Union High School District

### Los Gatos-Saratoga Union High School District Welcomes Three New Board Members

In this past November election, LGSUHSD welcomed three new Board Members to its five governing Board seats. Join us in welcoming new Board Members:

Steve Chen spent the first 30 years of his career as a sales and marketing executive in the tech industry before pivoting to teaching in 2015. A Stanford graduate, Steve received his Masters Degree in Education from Santa Clara University before finding his home, until he retired, as a Math teacher at Los Gatos High School.

Dr. Misty Davies is a research engineer and a project manager with expertise in safety and the behavior of complex systems. Her graduate degrees are from Stanford University, where she earned a Ph.D. in computational mechanics and an M.S. in aerospace and aerospace engineering.

Alex Shultz is a retired Earth Science, Biology, and Honors Biology teacher with roots in San Jose Unified School District and his last 28 years at Los Gatos High School. Alex was an active member in the Measure B Bond campaign and worked closely with district administration to oversee many projects.

## Moreland School District

### Moreland Launching New Strategic Planning Process

Superintendent Dr. Clover Codd, on behalf of the Moreland School District, is launching a new strategic plan. The goal of this new strategic plan is to guide the district's direction and help prioritize the district's work, including new and continued goals and strategies to support every single student. The beginning of this valuable process starts with visits to every school community to hear from parents, students, and staff. Moreland's Strategic Plan was written in 2010, and revised in 2015. This is an incredibly exciting process to learn what's important to Moreland's incredibly diverse community and how the district will continue to provide a path for our students and staff to thrive.

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