



SCCSBA February 2018 Newsletter

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President's Message - by Jodi Muirhead

It was a surreal day on Feb. 14. As I read through my social media, it alternated between loving wishes for Valentine's Day and the terrible news of another school shooting. Another school shooting. 17 high school students, teachers, coaches and support staff gunned down by a young person with a weapon. A young person with a weapon capable of killing hundreds. A young person who was expelled from school due to behavior issues was able to get a lethal weapon. It is difficult to let that sink in. How is it that this youngster was able to get an AR-15 rifle? Thoughts and prayers are not enough. What are you doing in your school district for students with emotional disturbances? What are you doing in your community to stop access to guns? What are you doing to protect the children in your schools?

It is quite timely that at our Feb. 28 meeting we will have guests from Stanford University's Early Life Stress and Pediatric Anxiety Program. Come hear about how children are affected by the impact of stress, trauma, and adversity. At our February meeting, we will also be voting on next year's officers, so please be sure to have a representative from your district at the meeting.

February 28 SCCSBA Meeting - Student Trauma and Intervention

Join us for our next monthly meeting on Wednesday, February 28:

Learning to Thrive: Fostering Resilience and Healthy Development to overcome Adversity and Trauma

Ryan Matlow, PhD, & Travis Bradley, MPP
Early Life Stress and Pediatric Anxiety Program
Stanford University School of Medicine

The presentation will review a neuroscience and psycho-bio-behavioral framework for understanding the impact of stress, trauma, and adversity on children's development, well-being, and functioning at school and at home. We will present the core components of trauma-focused interventions and best practices for addressing challenging emotions and behaviors in the school setting. In addition, we will introduce essential concepts from evidence-based and strength-based social and emotional learning approaches with an emphasis on teacher professional development and support, and we will suggest a rubric for effective curriculum selection, implementation, and evaluation. This dialogue will extend to a review of the characteristics of trauma-informed systems and organizations, with a discussion of implications for policy and practice in school systems.

This is your chance to hear from the experts about the impact of stress on our students' emotional and psychological development.

All trustees are invited to attend.

Oak Grove Room, SCCOE, 7:30-9 p.m. Networking will be held from 7-7:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 3 - Legislative Brunch

Please register now for the Legislative Brunch, which will be held on Saturday, March 3 from 9 a.m. until Noon at Mission College. The cost per person is \$30. Our thanks to Trustee Pattie Cortese for organizing this event.

Here is the link to register: www.legislativebrunch2018.eventbrite.com

This is one of our annual highlights, and is a great opportunity to hear from your legislators and to ask questions. The panels will be moderated by John Fensterwald of EdSource.

Save the Dates for SCCSBA Meetings and Events for 2018

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 2018 - Candidates' Workshop, 9 a.m.-Noon

Next SCCSBA Networking Lunch - Friday, March 9

Our next Networking Lunch will be held on **Friday, March 9 at OPA! Greek Restaurant in Campbell (276 E Campbell Avenue)**. 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@scsba.org).

2017-18 Lunch Calendar

Friday, March 9 - Opa! Greek Restaurant (276 E Campbell Ave, Campbell)

Friday, April 13 - Shoreline Lake American Bistro (3160 N Shoreline Blvd, Mountain View)

Friday, May 11 - Mimi's Cafe (1200 El Paseo de Saratoga, San Jose)

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



From the Desk of CSBA's Legislative Staff

Legislative Action Day: Tuesday, March 13

The SCCSBA encourages all school board trustees to participate in CSBA's Legislative Action Day. Meet with legislators in Sacramento and advocate on behalf of your students. CSBA schedules the meetings, and provides briefing sessions and talking points. [Sign up now!](#)



Santa Clara County Office of Education Spotlight

Santa Clara County Spelling Bee Winners

After three hours of competition, a sixth-grade student, Rishik Gandhasri of Silver Oak Elementary emerged victoriously and took the top position in the third annual

Santa Clara County Spelling Bee.
The winning word was "multilingual."

The Spelling Bee began with 24 of Santa Clara County's exceptional spellers from public, private, and charter schools in grades four through six, and ended with two winners and two alternates.

- Fourth Place - Vayun Krishna; Challenger School – Middlefield; 5th Grade
- Third Place - Ayetra Sarkar; Carolyn Clark Elementary; 5th Grade
- Second Place - Aziza Mohammed; Granada Islamic School; 6th Grade
- First Place - Rishik Gandhasri; Silver Oak Elementary; 6th Grade

Both Mohammed and Gandhasri will advance to the state competition in San Joaquin County on Saturday, May 12. Sarkar and Krishna will serve as alternates if the two winners are unable to attend.

District Highlights

Moreland School District

Moreland Staff and Schools Receive Regional, State, and National Recognition

Moreland is excited to share recent regional recognitions:

- Members of Moreland School District's School Site and District Office Staff were recognized by the CDE and the Fiscal Crisis and Management Assistance Team for the submission and maintenance of high-quality CALPADS data. In order to certify, Districts must have 0 fatal errors and anomalies at less than 2% with 0 warning errors by the 1st deadline of December 2017.
- The SCCOE recognized Payne Elementary School at their February 7th Board of Trustees Meeting for being honored as a National Blue Ribbon school. You can watch the video here: <https://www.moreland.org/apps/video/watch.jsp?v=174522>
- NBC Bay Area News highlighted Anderson Elementary School's lock-down emergency drill. Moreland works with members of the San Jose Police Department for all their lock-down drills. You can see the video here: <https://www.moreland.org/apps/video/watch.jsp?v=174480>



Milpitas Unified School District

Celebrating Learning at Spangler: Kindergarten Gallery Walk

by Ann Du Bois

A language and literacy program called the "**SEAL Model**" is thriving at seven of our MUSD schools. The highlight of a SEAL unit is often the culminating gallery walk, when families and other guests are invited to come visit the classroom, and students showcase their learning. On Dec. 20, Spangler's

kindergarten classes, led by Ms. Adidjaja, Ms. Singleton, Mrs. Hilton-Nickel and Mrs. Castello, proudly welcomed a large group of families who enthusiastically filled up the multi-use room for their "Community Helpers" unit gallery walk. Kindergarten parents came prepared with cameras galore and they were in full paparazzi mode.

The Spangler kindergarteners presented their shared research projects, highlighting information about a community worker of their choice (e.g., sanitation worker, teacher, dentist, veterinarian, librarian, police officer). The process of creating shared research projects was a collaborative one, and students impressed visitors with their knowledge, enthusiasm, and presentation skills.

"I was the first one who started it in my group," said kindergartener Daniel from Ms. Adidjaja's class. "I was so happy. My mom and my baby sister were there and I taught everyone. It was great."

Kindergartener Coraline also commented, "I showed people what we did and I was telling them about where they work and all about veterinarians. Mommy came. I didn't want her to go. It was fun!"

[More photos here.](#)



Santa Clara Unified School District

Labor-Management Partnership Update

Spring is a busy time of year for the Labor-Management Partnership. Many activities are planned around site leadership and how we can further the learning, listening, and communication around student achievement. This includes our annual attendance at CalTURN conferences.

Many of our staff and leadership will once again be attending the CalTURN conference in Sacramento, March 1-2, 2018. CalTURN conferences are a great opportunity for schools to learn from other districts and have time together to plan for their own site. Cohort 3 sites (six in total) will be attending this year.

As we prepare for the 2018-2019 school year, we will be reaching out to the staff—both certificated and classfied—at Cohort 4 schools, giving them a little insight into what they can look forward to. So far, we have met with one of six Cohort 4 schools and look forward to meeting with the rest before summer break.

MetroED Celebrates Career and Technical Education Month

Students and faculty at Metropolitan Education District (MetroED) will join others across the nation during the month of February to celebrate national Career and Technical Education (CTE) Month®. This year's tagline is *Celebrate Today, Own Tomorrow!*

CTE Month provides CTE programs across the country an opportunity to showcase programs that prepare students to be college-and career-ready. All programs prepare students for high-wage, high-demand career fields. High school students at Silicon Valley Career Technical Education (SVCTE) will participate in a College and Career Fair to meet representatives from local community colleges, universities, and businesses with hiring opportunities on February 9. Two special activities scheduled for the public include a CTE Campus Tour on February 15 ([RSVP Link](#)) and the SkillsUSA Regional Leadership and Skills Competition on February 17 with nearly 450 students competing in events by demonstrating their hands-on skills for judges from local businesses.

"The activities planned over the next month will illustrate the rigor and relevance CTE courses offer our students," said Sara Crowder, Principal of SVCTE. "By partnering with the business community, CTE programs are investing in students and providing them with the latest technology and skills that will prepare them to become successful employees and future leaders."

Currently, CTE funding is a topic of discussion in Sacramento. On February 7, MetroED Superintendent Alyssa Lynch, Cupertino Electric President & CEO John Boncher, SVCTE graduate Grant Hayden, and Santa Clara USD Board member Jim Canova will serve on a panel to testify at the California Legislative Hearing to support dedicated and permanent CTE funding for California students.

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