



SCCSBA February 2019 Newsletter

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President's Message - by Ellen Wheeler

"... but then there's my other son ..."

It never fails. When I start talking with someone about higher education who has adult children I hear prideful descriptions of their children who graduated from college. And within two minutes of that description, they say "... but then there's my other son ..."

Their "other son" is the one in the family who is the rebel, or struggled in school, or just never connected with a trusted adult during their school years. Then they graduated from high school, tried this or that, but the longer are out of school, the harder it is to find meaningful work. This leads to discouragement by the adult child and by the parents.

In the past few years, the state of California has utilized the term "college and career ready." We know what "college ready" means. But what does "career ready" mean? Too often, this feels like a throwaway line. The good news is that there are still education professionals up and down the state who are passionate and knowledgeable about the value of "vocational education" and how to train students for these important and well-paying jobs.

I believe that the more we can publicize these jobs and the ways to train for them the better we all are. Not everyone is going to go to college right after graduating from high school. But everyone is going to want a dependable car mechanic, plumber, fire fighter, dental technician, The list goes on and on. There's dignity in all work, not just those jobs that ask for a college diploma and mortarboard.

We are fortunate to have a local hero in this effort to be this month's SCCSBA meeting speaker. Alyssa Lynch is the passionate, knowledgeable, highly regarded leader of MetroEd, and she will open our eyes to how full and exciting this field is.

SCCSBA Calendar of Events and Activities for January-June 2019

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, 8:30 AM-Noon.

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, Barrel 19 Bistro, 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 22, 2019 - SCCSBA Passing the Gavel Dinner, Hong Fu Restaurant, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

SCCSBA Meeting February 27

Topic: Career Technical Education - New Trends and Opportunities

Please join us for our SCCSBA meeting on Wednesday, February 27. The special topic is: Career Technical Education - New Trends and Opportunities. Our featured guest speaker is MetroEd Superintendent Alyssa Lynch. All trustees are welcome. The meeting will be held at the Santa Clara County Office of Education, Oak Grove Room (2nd floor, south building) from 7:30-9:00 p.m. We will also have our networking time for all trustees from 7:00-7:30 p.m.

Next SCCSBA Friday Lunch - March 8 (Note the date change)

Our next SCCSBA Friday Lunch will be held at **Panera Bread (1706 Oakland Road in San Jose) on March 8**. This is the Panera Bread near the Santa Clara County Office of Education. 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, March 8, 2019 - Panera Bread (1706 Oakland Rd, San Jose)

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

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

Friday, June 7, 2019 - Country Gourmet (1314 South Mary Avenue, Sunnyvale)

SCCSBA Legislative Brunch - Saturday, March 2 at MetroEd

You are all cordially invited to our Annual Legislative Brunch, which will be held on Saturday, March 2 from 8:30 a.m. until Noon at MetroEd. The cost per person is \$30. Our thanks to Trustee Pattie Cortese for organizing this event.

Here is the link to register: <https://legislativebrunch2019.eventbrite.com>

This is a highlight event for our year, and a great opportunity to hear from your state and federal legislators and to ask questions. The legislator panels will be moderated by John Fensterwald of EdSource. We are also fortunate to have recently retired State Board of Education President Mike Kirst as one of our featured guest speakers.

CSBA Spotlight (<https://csba.org>)

Legislative Action Day: Tuesday, March 12

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!](#)

CSBA Policy Briefs

CSBA develops, communicates and advocates the perspective of California school districts, county offices of education and regional occupational programs on critical education issue areas. Our research and work is focused around four pillar areas:

Student Achievement. School boards and districts must provide all students high quality teaching and learning driven by curricula for post-high school success; research-based instruction; timely assessments that accurately measure student performance, and strong professional teacher development. [Learn more](#)

Conditions of Children. Boards realize that proper nutrition, physical and mental health; support for learning; safe school environments, and access to community resources help students reach their

maximum educational potential, and boards must establish policies and practices to overcome the barriers that students face. [Learn more](#)

Fair Funding. Public school funding in the state of California must be sufficient for high quality teaching and learning for all students in every school. The funding of programs and facilities must be guaranteed, stable and equitable. [Learn more](#)

Effective Governance. California schools are public institutions that belong to the communities they serve. Local boards must have authority and flexibility consistent with their responsibilities to ensure student achievement for all students and the long-term fiscal stability of the schools. [Learn more](#)

Santa Clara County Office of Education Spotlight

PSA Days are back!

If you work for a school district, educational agency, nonprofit organization, or community service provider in Santa Clara County and need media support to promote your work, a program, or an upcoming event, then the SCCOE can help!

As a community service, staff in the Media & Communications department will work with you to produce a 30- or 60-second Public Service Announcement (PSA) free of charge during 30-minute time periods from 9 a.m. to 3:45 p.m., on Thursday, March 21 and Friday, March 22 in the TV studio at the SCCOE, 1290 Ridder Park Drive in San Jose. Reserve your spot soon before they fill up!

For more information, contact [Mariaisabel Balandra](#) at (408) 453-6961. All participants will receive appointment confirmations and pre-production instruction.

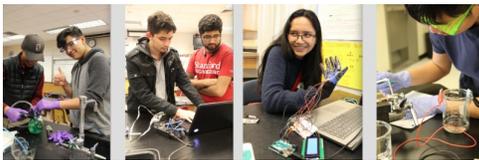
District Highlights

San Jose Unified School District

San José Unified Launches Innovative RISE Program Addresses Shortage of Special Education Teachers

The San José Unified School District (SJUSD), in partnership with the Department of Special Education at San José State University, recently launched a first-of-its-kind special education teacher credential program in an effort to address the current shortage of special education teachers felt nationwide. Called "Rise into Special Education (RISE)," the program creates a pathway for current SJUSD general education teachers and instructional associates to earn a special education teaching credential at no cost to the participant.

Employees who are selected to the program receive free tuition, reimbursement of application and testing fees, free use of a Mac laptop, test preparation support, and ongoing mentorship throughout the program. The credentialing program takes one to two years to complete, depending on the candidate's prior coursework, with employees continuing to work full time while attending evening classes. The program is receiving funding through the Local Solutions to the Shortage of Special Education Teachers Grant awarded last December to San José Unified.



East Side Union High School District

In our commitment to focus education on 21st century skills, ESUHSD held its **20th annual sciencepalooza!** event. 509 student projects were showcased. Some of the students work with mentors

from Stanford University, Santa Clara University, and SJSU.

Sciencepalooza! allows students to gain experience in meeting deadlines, developing ideas or replicating tried-and-true experiments, conducting research, and analyzing and communicating their results.

Special Award Winners:

- **Synopsys Quality Award:** Santa Teresa High School
- **Best Use of Technology Award:** Andrew P. Hill High School
- **Best Engineering Projects:** Evergreen Valley High School
- **Best Projects Concerning the Environment:** James Lick High School
- **Carol Evans Award - Most Entrants from a School:** Santa Teresa High School
- **Rookie of the Year:** Jolyn Caoleng, Andrew P. Hill High School



Berryessa Union School District

Berryessa Union School District Inspiring AVID Parent Night

On January 23, the District hosted an Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) Parent Night which included an inspiring success story from Destine LaMonia, a former BUSD Morrill Middle School student and current AVID College Tutor, who is now attending Cal State East Bay. In addition, an informative presentation on first generation college success by DeEnna Holohan, Notre Dame High School College Counselor, was provided. The AVID program in Berryessa provides middle school students with the skills and tools they need to be college and career ready. The students receive additional academic, social, and emotional support that will help them succeed in their school's most rigorous courses, and teaches strategies to help students roadmap their path to college.



Moreland School District

Moreland Appoints New Board Member; Moreland Middle School Student Selected for Project Cornerstone Positive Peer Influence

Join us in welcoming Moreland's newest Board Member Sriram Chatrathi, selected for a provisional appointment at a Special Board Meeting on January 23, 2019. Sriram is replacing Robert Varich, who was elected to the Campbell Union High School District's Board in the November 2018 election. Learn more about Sriram here: <https://www.moreland.org/apps/news/article/984985>

Moreland is proud to celebrate 8th grader, Claire Kampmeier, as Project Cornerstone's Positive Peer Influence Award winner. Nominated by a peer, Claire is described as an informed, passionate, and courageous leader who inspires both her fellow students and staff at Moreland Middle School (MMS) as the leader of the school's Inclusivity Club. Learn more about Claire here: <https://www.moreland.org/apps/news/article/985579>



Campbell Union School District

Campbell's Rosemary School is Part of Elite Education Network

As a member of a network of schools known as *EL Education*, Rosemary School, in Campbell Union School District, is fostering an expanded understanding of student achievement. Mastering grade-level skills and knowledge and developing each student's character have equal importance in *EL Education*, a 25-year-old organization that grew from a partnership between Outward Bound USA and Harvard Graduate School of Education.

"When students complete their academic career and enter adult life, they'll be judged by the quality of their work and the quality of their character," said Rosemary Principal Brian Schmaedick. "Our staff is transforming education and students' lives."

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