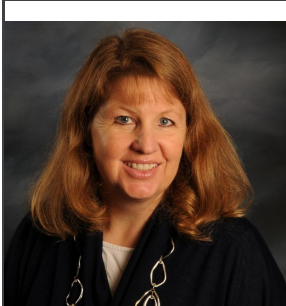


SCCSBA February 2021 Newsletter

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President's Message - by Fiona Walter

Hello SCCSBA Board Members,

Happy Chinese New Year! I hope you are all finding some time for yourselves this week as our students also get a much-needed break from their computers and coursework.

I know we are all consumed right now with how to return to "normal" teaching and learning. While each of our districts is different, here are a few things that will positively impact all of us immediately.

- **Teacher and Staff Vaccinations:** Please continue to stay on top of this issue. If you have time to thank elected officials like Sen. Josh Becker for taking a stand on our behalf, please do so. This is a critical piece to getting our teachers back into classrooms and the more noise we make, the better.
- **Updating Santa Clara County Public Health Guidance:** We live in the most restrictive county in the most restrictive state in the country. It would help us immensely if the county could better align with the recently updated CDC reopening guidelines.
- **Teacher and Staff Education:** This I am stealing from surrounding districts. Several districts have already provided health webinars for their staffs with recognized medical professionals to present both the science behind our current situation and allay fears in hopes of moving forward. Q&As have proved invaluable. Every bit of information we can provide is a step closer to in-person teaching and learning.

As always, thank you for your partnership along this road. Please don't reinvent the wheel. Reach out to each other and see what's working - and then steal it! :)

Looking forward to seeing you on the 24th!

Cheers,
Fiona

SCCSBA Zoom Afternoon Meetings with County Superintendent Dr. Dewan for March and April 2021

We are grateful to County Superintendent Dr. Mary Ann Dewan for spending time with us each month

during our afternoon zoom meetings. Here is the schedule for March and April.

March 4 from 9:30-10:30 a.m.

This meeting will feature County Superintendent Dr. Mary Ann Dewan plus special guest Dr. Lisa Kaufman, the former director of Educare who currently lives in Norway and will be coming to us virtually from Norway with information about the Norwegian education system. Dr. Kaufman will be with us from 9:30-10:00 a.m., and Dr. Dewan will be on the zoom call from 10-10:30 a.m.

April 22 from 1:00-2:00 p.m.

County Superintendent Dewan will join us for her regular monthly update on COVID, the status of vaccinations and other issues related to public education in our county.

**Saturday March 6 - SCCSBA Legislative Event via Zoom
Featuring State Board President Linda Darling-Hammond in addition to
local, state, and federal legislators**

Please join us for our upcoming Legislative Zoom Event on Saturday March 6 from 9:30 a.m. to Noon.

We'll kick off the morning with a conversation with State Board President Dr. Linda-Darling Hammond and our moderator EdSource's John Fensterwald. John will also be moderating conversations with our local, state and federal legislators including: State Senator Josh Becker, State Senator Dave Cortese, Assemblymember Evan Low, Assemblymember Marc Berman, Assemblymember Ash Kalra, Assemblymember Alex Lee, Assemblymember Mark Stone, Congressman Ro Khanna, SCC Supervisor Joe Simitian, SCC Supervisor Cindy Chavez, and waiting on final confirmations from a few more. There will be plenty of time for questions and answers.

We'll end the morning with CSBA Assistant Executive Director, Governmental Relations Dennis Meyers, who will also be providing a legislative update.

Superintendents and trustees are welcome to attend, we hope to see you there! Check your email for the zoom link and calendar invitation to the event.



**February 24 - SCCSBA Evening Zoom Meeting
featuring Anna Waring**

Please join us Feb 24th at 7:30 pm as we welcome guest speaker, Dr. Anna Waring, on the topic of Equity in Education.

Dr. Waring earned her PhD from Stanford University in 1995. She has served on the board of trustees for Crystal Springs Uplands School in Hillsborough and on the National Advisory Board for the Haas Center for Public Service at Stanford. She also served as the Executive Director for the Foundation for a College Education in East Palo Alto for more than a decade, and currently serves on the board of the Center for Excellence in Nonprofits. In 2006, Dr. Waring received the Bicentennial Medal from Williams College, the university's highest honor, for her work in education.

February 24 - SCCOE Title IX Updates Webinar

Please join us on Wednesday, **February 24, 9:00-10:30 a.m.** to learn about recent Title IX regulations as they apply to students and employees in the K-12 educational environment. The regulations have the full force and effect of federal law and demonstrate a substantial shift from existing procedures.

Topics will include organizing and training a Title IX Team, implementing new complaint procedures which require written notice requirements, due process rights, identification of witnesses and evidence, record keeping, party review of investigation reports, and the transmission of findings and conclusions. Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo will provide this training and discuss legal and practical effects of these changes.

This event is open to board members and superintendents in Santa Clara County. The event is co-sponsored by the Santa Clara County Office of Education and the Santa Clara County School Boards Association.

To register: https://sccoe.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_FBXLuOVVTYymKEppg1w3SQ

CSBA has received many applications for Delegate Assembly from our region. The candidates listed below in alphabetical order will be competing for six elected seats.

Delegate Assembly Candidates:

Danielle Cohen, Campbell Union School District
Devon Conley, Mountain View Whisman School District
David Guidry, Los Gatos-Saratoga Union High School District
Van Le, East Side Union High School District
Carol Presunka, Cambrian School District
Andres Quintero, Alum Rock Union School District
George Sanchez, Franklin-McKinley School District
Fiona Walter, Mountain View-Los Altos High School District
Bridget Watson, Sunnyvale School District

Ballots will be sent to districts and county offices of education by February 1, 2021 and are due to CSBA by **March 15, 2021**. Delegates will serve two-year terms beginning April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2023. You can get more info about Delegate Assembly at www.csba.org.

SCCSBA Calendar of Events/Meetings for 2020-2021

SCCSBA February 24, 2021 Zoom Meeting, 7:30-9:00 p.m.

Speaker: Dr. Anna Waring, Senior Program Director, Haas Center for Public Service

Topic: Equity in Education

SCCOE Webinar (co-sponsored with SCCSBA) on Updates to Title IX, 9-10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, February 24, 2021

Annual SCCSBA Legislative Event via Zoom – Saturday, March 6, 2021, 9:30 a.m. to Noon

SCCOE Webinar (co-sponsored with SCCSBA) on Digital Divide, 9-10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 24, 2021

SCCSBA March 24, 2021 Zoom Meeting, 7:30-9:00 p.m.

Election of Officers

Topic: Juvenile Justice in Santa Clara County

Spring Hoffmann Awards Zoom Event, April 28, 2021, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Annual “Passing the Gavel” Zoom Event for Officers, Delegates and District Reps, May 26, 2021, 7:00-8:00 p.m.



From our CSBA Region 20 Representative Marty Fatooh

Hello Trustees,

First and Foremost, I wanted to thank all of you who joined us at our first regional membership meeting on February 1st. I found our conversation and presentation with Dennis to be extremely insightful and it is my hope that we covered as many important topics as possible. A special thank you to Regional Director Gonzalez, SCCSBA President Fiona Walter, and Executive Director Bonnie Mace for helping bring

everyone together across the county and larger region.

As we continue to work on reopening with the legislature, governor, and our partners in labor, we must keep our eye on the prize. That prize is what is best for the kids, their families, and the overall best interests for our respective communities. Currently, there are two broadband bills in Sacramento that I have requested joint advocacy on through my superiors at CSBA. AB 14 and SB 4 will help to bridge the digital divide for our students and I am grateful that our member driven, CSBA Legislative Action Committee has decided to throw their support behind them. Working with both SCCSBA, SCC Digital Equity Coalition, and the California Latino School Boards Association, it is our hope that we can build a coalition of statewide support for the passing and implementation of these two pieces of important legislation, as the disparities in our system have grown to unsurpassing heights throughout this pandemic and even before.

Earlier last week, we saw newly elected Senator Becker publicly call for the vaccination prioritization of teachers. This is a major step in the right direction and although it may seem like a small move, as members of SCCSBA you should be satisfied to know that your legislative action committee worked quickly to formally request that Gov. Newsom, Senator Becker, and Dr. Ghaly work to make this a reality. The more our local and state legislators advocate for our shared values and needs, this shows that your

thoughtful and driven advocacy work is being paid forward. I look forward to working together on continued advocacy through the upcoming SCCSBA Legislative Brunch and CSBA's Legislative Action week which begins on March 15.

As always, thank you for your service and stay safe.

Marty Fatooh (mfatooh@csba.org)

Santa Clara County Office of Education Spotlight

2021 Santa Clara County State of Education Address Provides Viewers with Insights based on the Learnings of 2020

On February 2nd, the 2021 Santa Clara County State of Education address was presented to an online audience by Dr. Mary Ann Dewan, County Superintendent of Schools, and featured guest speakers and leaders from agencies and organizations throughout Santa Clara County, district superintendents, as well as performances by the Mountain View High School Madrigal Choir, directed by Jill Denny.

Master of Ceremonies, NBC Bay Area journalist and news reporter, Damian Trujillo, began the address stating that during the pandemic, even with the tremendous obstacles to learning, teachers relentlessly supported students. "As a parent, I was worried about the quality of education my children would get over this past year. As a parent today, I can only thank you for all that you have been able to accomplish outside of the classroom. As a professional, I am in awe of that accomplishment."

The address reinforced the profound way that partnerships among Santa Clara County leaders and community organizations were facilitated to support and meet the needs of its students and families. The shift to distance learning was balanced with maintaining health and safety guidelines directed by the Santa Clara County Public Health Department. This emphasis on partnership will impact the future trajectory of education for years to come.

Featuring guest speakers, President and CEO of the Silicon Valley Community Foundation, Nicole Taylor; President and CEO of the Silicon Valley Leadership Group, Ahmad Thomas; Santa Clara County Board Supervisor, Cindy Chavez; and California State Senator, Dave Cortese, the address highlighted three important focus areas for the county.

Health and Wellness, emphasized partnerships with the county public health department to facilitate and monitor the health and safety of school staff, students and families in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. This was followed by Academics and Instruction, which provided an overview of the insights gained from the transition of in-person instruction to distance learning, the actionable response to attendance deficits and the digital divide, and new pathways created to engage students within a different and evolving learning environment. Rounding out the address, Essential Services, highlighted partnerships that expanded the reach of the SCCOE to help meet the basic needs of students, families and the community.

"Through all of the unfolding uncertainty of last year, the SCCOE, Santa Clara leaders, elected officials, school personnel and community partners responded quickly to help students, and we experienced the might of our collective strength when we joined efforts to support our families," said Dr. Mary Ann Dewan, County Superintendent of Schools.

Dr. Dewan emphasized how obstacles we face can be overcome through shared partnerships and advocacy. "It is the key to strengthening our education system. I am grateful to our staff and educators who do not shy away from their commitment and passionately advocate for their students' well-being and lead with unwavering focus during challenging times."

Ending on a high note, the Mountain View High School Madrigal Choir sang of seeing beyond the darker times of the past to view the future through the light of hope.

The event is archived and available to view on www.sccoe.org/SOE2021.

School District Highlights



MUSD Innovators on the Move! video series premieres

Milpitas Unified School District educators are a talented bunch, reaching our learners with their passion, knowledge, and innovation. When faced with a pandemic, our MUSD team members rose to the challenge creating MUSD EducatEveryWhere.

We've always been a sharing, collaborative crew. That's why we've begun this video series "MUSD Innovators on the Move!" highlighting the practices, methods and approach of our teachers, specialists, paraprofessionals, and classified team members.

At MUSD, we move forward together and this is how we do it! [Watch the first #MUSDInnovatorsontheMove! featuring Wendy Lundeen, Rose Elementary](#)



Cambrian School District

Cambrian Student Receives Honors

Cambrian's 4th grader student Iliya Ghaderipoor was a TOP national donator to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation charity in Imagine Math! Congratulations on this amazing accomplishment Iliya!

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