

Happy New Year!



## SCCSBA January Newsletter

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### President's Message - by Jodi Muirhead

Happy New Year! I hope you had a special holiday season with your family and friends and were able to recharge so that you are refreshed and ready for 2018. It was great to see a filled room at our hospitality event at last month's CSBA conference. Many thanks to Bonnie Mace for organizing this wonderful event. I came away with interesting ideas from the conference that I look forward to discussing more in my district.

This year, SCCSBA is about helping you build capacity as a board member. Our SCCSBA monthly meetings are open to all board members, not just the representative from your board. Based on member feedback, we have added a time for networking before each meeting. From 7 to 7:30, share your thoughts and ask questions with new and experienced board members from throughout the county. Since we can't talk extensively with board members on our own boards, being a board member can be isolating. We've gotten great feedback from members who attend the networking session, as well as our monthly networking lunches, about how much making connections has strengthened their abilities as a board member.

At this month's meeting, we have planned a very information packed session. First up, we will be joined by Harold Freiman from Lozano Smith to talk about advanced Brown Act concepts. You may have attended numerous presentations on the straightforward concepts, but there is quite a bit more to the law. Since it was passed in 1953, times have changed and the law has had to be interpreted to handle concepts that weren't around when it became law. When it comes to these new areas, such as social media and email communications, do you know the ins and outs of your responsibilities? It is easy to get you and your board in trouble, so come learn more about how to be on the right side of the law.

This month's meeting will also include presentations from board members who are running for CSBA's Delegate Assembly. You can hear from them what their goals are in being part of CSBA governance. Each year your board votes for delegates, so here is your chance to meet them and be able to make thoughtful selections based on their comments. We will also be setting up the nomination committee, the first step in choosing our officers for next year.

Improve your capacity as a trustee! See you at SCCSBA!

**January 24 SCCSBA Meeting - Brown Act 2.0 (Stepping to the Next Level: Electronic Communications, Social Media and Beyond)**

Join us for our next monthly meeting on Wednesday, January 24, featuring guest speaker Harold Freiman from Lozano Smith.

Mr. Freiman is an expert on the Brown Act and represents school districts, county offices of education, and community college districts in such areas as school facilities, property, general education law, governing boards, student issues, business, and general litigation. He has been with the firm and representing public entities for over 20 years.

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.

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## 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](http://www.legislativebrunch2018.eventbrite.com)

We have State Board President Mike Kirst in addition to an exciting cast of county and state legislators who will be participating. This is a great opportunity to hear from your legislators and to ask questions. The panels will be moderated by John Fensterwald of EdSource.

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## Save the Dates for SCCSBA Meetings and Events for 2018

Wednesday, February 28, 2018 - SCCSBA Meeting - Nomination of Officers, Discussion Topic: Student Trauma and Interventions  
Oak Grove Room, SCCOE, 7:30-9 p.m.

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 2, 2018 - Candidates' Workshop, 9 a.m.-Noon

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## Next SCCSBA Networking Lunch - Friday, February 2

Our next Networking Lunch will be held on **Friday, February 2 at California Pizza Kitchen near Lawrence Expressway (3535 Monroe Street, Santa Clara)**. 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@sccsba.org](mailto:execdirector@sccsba.org)).

### 2017-18 Lunch Calendar

**Friday, March 9 - Lakeside Cafe (3160 N Shoreline Blvd, Mountain View)**

**Friday, April 13 - Opa! Greek Restaurant (276 E Campbell Ave, Campbell)**

**Friday, May 11 - TBD**

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



## From the Desk of CSBA's Legislative Staff

### Governor's Budget Provides Additional Money for Education But Far Less Than the "Full and Fair" Funding Needed for Public Schools

#### State completes investment in the Local Control Funding Formula ahead of schedule with a \$3 billion allocation, yet California still ranks near the bottom nationally in per-pupil funding

SACRAMENTO, Calif., (Jan. 10, 2018)– Gov. Jerry Brown introduced a state budget proposal today that meets his promised investment in the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) two years ahead of schedule. A \$3.1 billion increase in the Proposition 98 guarantee completes LCFF implementation – originally slated for the 2020-21 fiscal year – earlier than anticipated. It also provides a sorely needed investment as California schools grapple with rising costs that are eroding the gains made under LCFF.

"The Governor's decision to accelerate implementation of LCFF is a welcome development at a time when classrooms across the state are feeling the effects of rising transportation, utility, health care and benefits costs," said CSBA President Mike Walsh. "The increase in the Proposition 98 guarantee is a small step toward the full and fair funding needed to provide all California students with a high-quality education."

The Proposition 98 guarantee (which requires a minimum percentage of the state budget to be spent on K-14 education) of \$78.3 billion is an increase of \$3.1 billion from 2017-18, raising total per-pupil spending from Proposition 98 to \$11,614, which is \$465 more per student under Proposition 98 than last fiscal year.

"The increase to the Proposition 98 guarantee is encouraging, but it isn't enough to lift us from the bottom of the national rankings measuring support for public schools," Walsh said. "California's current status as 41st in per-pupil funding and last or next-to-last in nearly every school staffing metric is unacceptable. We expect to work with this Governor and his successor, as well as the public and education stakeholders, to advance toward the full and fair funding needed to prepare all students for success in college, career and civic life."

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## Santa Clara County Office of Education Spotlight

### County Board urges lawmakers to fully fund public education

At its January 17 meeting, the Santa Clara County Board of Education unanimously passed a resolution for full and fair funding for California Public Schools by state lawmakers.

The resolution highlights California's poor national standing in funding for public schools. California ranks 45th nationally in the percentage of taxable income spent on education, 41st in per-pupil funding, 45th in pupil-teacher ratios and 48th in pupil-staff ratios. California funds schools at roughly \$1,961 per student less than the national average, which translates to approximately \$3,462 per student when adjusted for California being a high-cost state. In addition, California trails the average of the top 10 states by almost \$7,000 in per-pupil funding.

"We know that many of our school districts are struggling with the lack of appropriate funding to meet the diverse needs of students, recruit and retain high-quality staff, and provide a world-class education to Santa Clara County students," commented Rosemary Kamei, President of the Santa Clara County Board of Education. "We must not let our students and schools fall further behind national counterparts when it comes to funding our public schools."

Budget negotiations will be ongoing in the Legislature throughout the spring, leading up to the May budget revision, which will be released on or before May 15. The Legislature will then have until June 15 to send the final agreed upon budget to Governor Brown, who will have until July 1 to sign it.

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