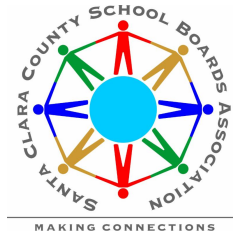
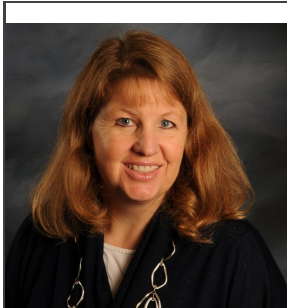


Happy New Year! Stay Safe and Healthy!



SCCSBA January 2021 Newsletter

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President's Message - by Fiona Walter

Hello, SCCSBA team and Happy New Year!

I started my day today with the regular monthly meeting of the Mountain View Challenge Team. It was the first of the new year. While the main topic was student mental health during the pandemic, we of course also talked about the events of January 6th.

By the end of the conversation, the group had declared new dates to start the new year; post-tragedy dates to begin the positive work of 2021. Suggestions included a new start right then at the meeting, January 21st, and February 12th for the Lunar New Year.

I love the idea of a restart and look forward to what we can get done in 2021. To quote Susan B. Anthony (with a key phrase used by Lin Manuel Miranda!),

Rise up! There shall never be another season of silence.

Deepen your sympathy then convert it to action.

Pray every single second of your life, not on your knees but with your work.

Think your best thoughts, speak your best words, do your best work.

There is so much yet to be done. Rise up!

Thanks to all of you for your hard work in 2020. Onward to 2021!

Cheers,
Fiona

January 27 - SCCSBA Zoom Evening Meeting

Please join us on Wednesday, January 27 for our SCCSBA Zoom evening meeting from 7:30-9:00 p.m. Our featured guest speaker will be County Superintendent Dr. Mary Ann Dewan, who will be speaking about the State of the County in Public Education. There will be plenty of time for your questions.

We will also be listening to our candidates for CSBA Delegate Assembly.

January 23 New Board Member Training

We welcome all new board members to join us for our Saturday, January 23 New Board Member Training. We have an exciting and informative agenda, with panels focusing on How to be A Successful Board Member, Working within the Brown Act, A View from the Board of Supervisors with Supervisor Joe Simitian, What Makes a Successful Governance Team, The SCCOE and School Boards, and What SCCSBA and CSBA Can Do For New Board Members.

We are looking forward to seeing all new board member on Saturday, January 23. A special thanks to all of our guest speakers.

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

Because these meetings have been so popular among trustees, we have scheduled zoom meetings with County Superintendent Dr. Dewan in February and March of 2021. Additional meetings in April, May and June will be scheduled later. Please check your email for calendar invitations and the zoom links.

February 11 from 3:00-4:00 p.m.

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

This meeting will also feature special guest Dr. Lisa Kaufman, the former director of Educare who currently lives in Norway and will be coming to us live from Norway with information about the Norwegian education system under COVID.

CSBA's Delegate Assembly Candidates for our Region

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

Delegate Assembly Candidates:

Danielle Cohen, Campbell Union School District

Devon Conley, Mountain View Whisman School District

Teresa Castellanos, San Jose Unified School District (this seat is appointed rather than elected)

David Guidry, Los Gatos-Saratoga Union High School District

Van Le, East Side Union High School District

Nancy Newkirk, Sunnyvale 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

New Board Member Zoom Training, Saturday January 23, 2021, 10:00 a.m. until Noon

SCCSBA January 27, 2021 Zoom Meeting, 7:30-9:00 p.m.

Candidate Presentations for CSBA Delegate Assembly

Speaker: Dr. Mary Ann Dewan, SCCOE Superintendent

Topic: State of the County in Public Education

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

Nomination of Officers

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

Topic: Equity in Education

Annual SCCSBA Legislative Event via Zoom – Saturday, March 6, 2021

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

Election of Officers

Spring Hoffmann Awards Zoom Event, April 28, 2021, 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Annual "Passing the Gavel" Zoom Event for Officers, Delegates and District Reps, May 26, 2021, 6:00-8:00 p.m.



From our CSBA Region 20 Representative Marty Fatooh

Hello Trustees,

Just a few weeks ago, we woke up to disturbing images from our nation's capital as an angry mob attempted to disrupt the day to day business of one of our most treasured institutions. They were unsuccessful, yet sadly lives were lost, including the life of a police officer. The influence and words of local elected officials, especially school board members, has never been more in demand as we work to educate future generations to embrace the democratic principles of our country and the reverence for civic discourse and the institutions which keep democracy alive. As our country's leadership will change hands next week, I am very optimistic that the new administration will put a smart policy emphasis on public education, both at the primary and secondary levels.

Here in California, the Governor in conjunction with the Department of Education has proposed a budget that aims to provide a substantial amount of support for K-12 and early education, in addition to a re-opening plan that can be interpreted and implemented at the local level. We are pushing for more flexibility with regard to budget allocation. With enough flexibility, funds for mental health services and food insecurity could go to students and families who need the support. Although the Newsom Re-opening plan may have its quirks and rough edges to it, I believe there is something to be said about our leaders finally beginning to hear our repeated calls for more support and a real focus on education, especially as we fight this global pandemic.

On February 1 from 5 to 6:30pm, trustees from San Francisco to Gilroy will come together for a joint membership meeting (virtually) with CSBA Assistant Director for Governmental Affairs, Dennis Meyers. I look forward to moderating a conversation around full and fair funding, legislative goals, deeper budget information, and addressing issues such as the Digital Divide. There will also be time for open discussion and questions. Early next week, you will receive a google form asking to submit your top three questions for Dennis, which will make Q and A time as member driven and effective as possible. Many thanks to Director(s) MacAvoy and Gonzalez, County President(s) Daina Lujan and Fiona Walter, and Executive Director Bonnie Mace- for helping coordinate the logistics and providing feedback on discussion points! We look forward to everyone joining us and please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

In Region 20, there are six seats currently up for CSBA Delegate Assembly and ballots will be sent out by February 1. Ballots must be returned by March 15th. If you have any questions around the process, please contact Director Albert Gonzalez or myself.

In recent days, I have been fortunate enough to join members of the SCCSBA Legislative Action Committee as they've commenced their advocacy tour with our local state legislative delegation. With all that is going on, I am pleased to see that so many of your objectives at the local level are shared with our statewide legislative priorities, and with these shared priorities, the sky is the limit in terms of the effectiveness of joint advocacy with CSBA and SCCSBA.

Looking forward to seeing all of you next month and thank you for your service.

Marty Fatooh (mfatooh@csba.org)

Santa Clara County Office of Education Spotlight

Please join the SCCOE for the Capitol Advisors January 20 Zoom Meeting on the proposed state budget. Here is the link to register [January Budget Perspectives Workshop, Santa Clara COE](#) and a description of the session follows:

The Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) recently projected significantly higher state general fund revenues than the revenue assumptions used in the June Budget Act for 2020-21. The LAO now estimates the 2020-21 Proposition 98 guarantee at a remarkable \$13.1 billion higher compared to June Budget assumptions. New revenue estimates also mean that Proposition 98 funding will be stronger than anticipated for 2021-22.

Even if the Administration makes more conservative revenue estimates in January, we are looking at the

likelihood of substantial growth in the Prop. 98 guarantee for 2020-21 and a reasonably good K-12 budget for 2021-22. The LAO has noted that there are sufficient funds in the Prop. 98 guarantee for 2020-21 to rescind or unwind most or all of the principal apportionment deferrals set to begin in February. In addition, there is a decent possibility of fiscal relief from a federal stimulus package in the coming weeks or months, which may include some help for schools.

All of this should make for an interesting and lively discussion of Governor Newsom's January budget proposal. The Capitol Advisors team will provide the latest political, fiscal, budget and policy information you need to plan for your own budgets and programs, including specifics on LCFF, distance learning and school reopening rules, early learning, special education, etc.

School District Highlights



Milpitas Unified School District

MUSD launches COVID-19 testing to ensure health and safety of staff, students, and community

More than 200 Milpitas Unified School District employees participated in its first routine run of COVID-19 staff testing on December 15-16 before schools headed into the Winter holiday break.

In total, 213 COVID-19 tests were completed and submitted through Curative, which partnered with the district to help administer the non-contact, drive-through testing process for certificated and classified staff. Of the 213 tests, 208 came back negative with one positive result and four others deemed insufficient samples.

"Along with ensuring the utmost safety for all staff, students, and families, our intention is to test all employees monthly before moving to bi-monthly when conditions are safe to move to in-person learning support aligned with our MUSD EducatEveryWhere plan" said Superintendent Cheryl Jordan, who was one of the 213 to participate in the first round of testing.

This was a test run of a bi-monthly testing plan for staff that will continue in 2021 at MUSD, which has been proactive since the onset of the pandemic in implementing various COVID-19 safety measures such as promoting and educating social distancing and exposure protocols to staff, students and the Milpitas community through its Safety First Campaign.



Cambrian School District

Way to go Cambrian! CSD partnered with Reaching Out Emergency Food Program to provide \$300 in fresh, nutritious groceries to 186 families in December. Any family can still receive food twice monthly by attending a Reaching Out food distribution event, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. - 12 noon. Call

(408) 267-4691 for more information.

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