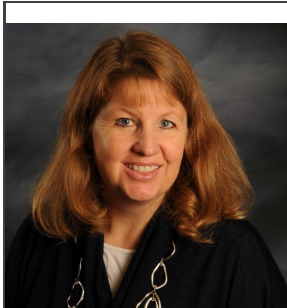


SCCSBA July 2020 Newsletter

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President's Message - by Fiona Walter

Welcome to SCCSBA 2020-21. We start this year under heavy constraints from Covid-19. Hopefully by spring we have at least partially come out from under them!

First, thank you to Melissa Baten Caswell for her amazing year as president. Wonderful in-person speakers turned into weekly zoom calls in April. These became opportunities for collaboration and will continue to provide support, solidarity, and yes, a bit of much needed therapy. Thank you for all your work on our behalf, Melissa.

My theme this year is stolen from various organizations also rallying during this tough time: **Stronger Together**. We are indeed stronger together, and I so appreciate all of you and the wisdom you bring to the table. Our weekly zoom gatherings will continue in addition to our monthly meetings with topical speakers. Perhaps we can even host a Hoffmann dinner! Looking forward to a good year.

All the best,
Fiona

July 29 SCCOE "Funding Community WiFi" Webinar

On behalf of the Santa Clara County Office of Education, County Superintendent Dr. Mary Ann Dewan would like to extend an invitation to the "Funding Community WiFi: Access East Side Model" webinar on **Wednesday, July 29, 2020 at 5:00-6:30 p.m. via Zoom**. The convening will serve as a tech bond follow-up session to the June 3rd Connectivity, Digital Inclusion, and Access Forum.

This webinar will provide information on the Access East Side Wi-Fi pilot program and the City's partnership.

Invitations to the Forum will be inclusive of the Schools-City Collaborative members and extend to additional stakeholders in Santa Clara County, including elected officials and staff of the County and other cities, the Digital Inclusion Fund Advisory Board, nonprofits, community-based organizations, partners,

school leaders, and other entities engaged in advancing digital inclusion.

Please register [here](#) by Wednesday, July 22, 2020. Once registered, you will receive details to join the virtual forum.

July 17 SCCOE "Science Behind the School Opening Guidance" Webinar

Join SCCOE for "The Science Behind the School Opening Guidance" webinar on Friday, July 17, 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. The webinar will be co-hosted by Dr. Mary Ann Dewan, Santa Clara County Superintendent of Schools, and Dr. Monika Roy, Assistant Public Health Officer and Communicable Disease Controller at the Santa Clara County Public Health Department. The webinar will focus on the scientific reasoning and understanding behind the *COVID-19 Prepared: Reopening of Santa Clara County K-12 Schools* guidance for Fall 2020.

This webinar is intended for Santa Clara County district superintendents, school board trustees, leaders of charter schools and private schools, union leaders, and cabinet members.

To receive access, please complete the interest form linked below. Once received and within approximately 48 hours, a follow up email with a webinar link will be sent to you. Please complete the interest form by Thursday, July 16, 5:00 p.m., at which time the interest form will be closed.

Interest Form: <https://tinyurl.com/GuidanceScience>

Thank you for your interest.

July 17 and July 22 SCCSBA Zoom Meetings

Come and join us for our next SCCSBA Zoom meeting on Friday, July 17 at 1:30 p.m. The following week, we will hold our SCCSBA Zoom meeting on Wednesday, July 22 at 2:00 p.m.

County Superintendent Dr. Mary Ann Dewan will be available to provide an update and answer questions at these weekly meetings. There's a lot happening between now and the time school reopens in mid August, and we will hold these weekly meetings to share info and provide ongoing support to each other in this challenging time.

New SCCSBA Officers for 2020-2021

We welcome our new SCCSBA Officers for the 2020-2021 school year:

Fiona Walter, President

George Sanchez, Vice President

Rosa Kim, Treasurer

SCCSBA Calendar of Events/Meetings for 2020-2021

SCCSBA September 23, 2020 Meeting, 7:30-9:00 p.m.

Speaker: Marsha Deslauriers, Executive Director, Community Health Awareness Council

Topic: Mental Health Trends and Solutions during Distance Learning

(This will be a Zoom or an In-Person Meeting depending on COVID conditions.)

SCCOE Teacher Recognition Celebration - TBD (Stay tuned for more info from SCCOE.)

SCCSBA Fall Dinner (Hoffmann Awards Celebration from this past school year), October 28, 2020, 6:00-9:00 p.m.

(This will be a Zoom or an In-Person Event depending on COVID conditions.)

SCCSBA November 18, 2020 Meeting, 7:30-9:00 p.m.

Speaker: Mr. John Gray, President & CEO, School Services of California

Topic: Negotiations during COVID-19

(This will be a Zoom or an In-Person Meeting depending on COVID conditions.)

CSBA Annual Education Conference in Anaheim

Delegate Assembly: Wednesday, Dec. 2

Reception: Friday, Dec. 4, 5:30-7:00 p.m.

New Board Member Training, Saturday in January 2021 TBD, 9:00-11:00 a.m.
(This will be a Zoom or an In-Person Meeting depending on COVID conditions.)

SCCSBA January 27, 2021 Meeting, 7:30-9:00 p.m.
Candidate Presentations for CSBA Delegate Assembly
Speaker: Dr. Mary Ann Dewan, SCCOE Superintendent
(This will be a Zoom or an In-Person Meeting depending on COVID conditions.)

SCCSBA February 24, 2021 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
(This will be a Zoom or an In-Person Meeting depending on COVID conditions.)

Annual SCCSBA Legislative Brunch – DATE TBD, Saturday in March, 2021
(This will be a Zoom or an In-Person Event depending on COVID conditions.)

SCCSBA March 24, 2021 Meeting, 7:30-9:00 p.m.
Election of Officers
Topics: CSBA PACER (Public Affairs & Community Engagement Representatives) and Distance Learning from a National Perspective
(This will be a Zoom or an In-Person Meeting depending on COVID conditions.)

Spring Hoffmann Awards Event, April 28, 2021, 6:00-9:00 p.m.
(This will be a Zoom or an In-Person Event depending on COVID conditions.)

Annual “Passing the Gavel” Dinner for Officers, Delegates and District Reps, May 26, 2021, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
(This will be a Zoom or an In-Person Event depending on COVID conditions.)

Weekly Zoom Gatherings: Please join us for Zoom Gatherings whenever you can. We will host these weekly meetings throughout the school year. They will be scheduled based on County Superintendent Dewan’s availability and therefore times and days will rotate. Watch for emails with Zoom links from our Executive Director Bonnie Mace.



CSBA Spotlight (<https://csba.org>) (reprinted from the CSBA Website)

CDC Releases New School Guidance

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on June 30 released new guidance, “[Interim Considerations for K-12 School Administrators for SARS-CoV-2 Testing.](#)” The document notes that testing for COVID-19, along with symptom screening and contact tracing, are effective strategies to mitigate the spread of the virus. “Schools should determine, in collaboration with state, tribal, territorial, and local health officials ... whether to implement any testing strategy, and if so, how to best do so,” the document reads.

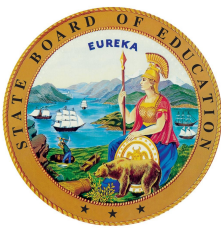
The guidance, however, recognizes that most schools will not have the resources or expertise to use testing as a mitigation strategy, and the CDC does not recommend universal testing of students and staff.

While schools play a role in identifying students, faculty and staff who have COVID-19 symptoms or who have had recent known or potential exposure to the virus, the document says that school staff, in most cases, are not expected to directly administer COVID-19 tests. The guidance cites that tests may be administered by school nurses or other qualified individuals in schools that provide on-site health clinics, noting that not every school with a health clinic will have the resources to test for the virus and not are obligated to do so. It is recommended that health clinic staff help connect students, their families and staff to other opportunities for testing in their community.

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State Board meeting focuses on tools to help LEAs plan for uncertain school year

With great uncertainty still clouding the 2020–21 school year, the State Board of



Education focused much of its attention at its [July 8–9 virtual meeting](#) on the tools available to local educational agencies to prepare for the in-flux return of students and staff to the classroom.

“One thing is clear, it’s that we are going to be in a very unpredictable situation for quite a while,” State Board President Linda Darling-Hammond said in her opening remarks. “Clearly, teaching and learning will be organized in many different ways this fall in in-person, some distance learning, some hybrid learning, et cetera. It will need to be governed by purpose rather than by place.”

For local governing boards, State Board members said the most important of these resources is the Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan outlined in [Senate Bill 98](#), the education budget trailer bill. The document, which replaces this year’s Local Control and Accountability Plan, is intended to offer a strategy for the continuity of instruction wherever students and staff are located.

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