

Have a wonderful summer!



## SCCSBA June Newsletter

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### President's Message - by Reid Myers

**Thank you!**

Congratulations on the end of another school year! I hope you are all enjoying some rest and relaxation so you are ready to jump back into the new school year in just a couple of short months!

Thank you for a great year with the Santa Clara County School Boards Association. I really enjoyed my time as President and we can all look forward to more good work with our new team— Jodi Muirhead, Ellen Wheeler, Anjali Kausar and of course our great Executive Director, Bonnie Mace.

Have a great summer!

### Save the Dates for SCCSBA Meetings and Events for 2017-18

**Thursday, September 14, 2017 - County-wide Teacher Recognition Celebration**  
Heritage Theater in Campbell, 6-9 p.m.

**Wednesday, September 27, 2017 - SCCSBA Meeting (Topic TBD)**  
Oak Grove Room, SCCOE, 7:30-9 p.m.

**Wednesday, October 25, 2017 - SCCSBA Fall Dinner (Venue TBD), 6-9 p.m.**

**Wednesday, November 15, 2017 - SCCSBA Meeting (Topic TBD)**  
Cupertino Room, SCCOE, 7:30-9 p.m.

**Thursday - Saturday, November 30- December 2, 2017 - CSBA Annual Conference**  
San Diego Convention Center (SCCSBA Reception on November 30)

**Wednesday, January 24 - SCCSBA Meeting (Topic TBD)**  
Oak Grove Room, SCCOE, 7:30-9 p.m.

**Wednesday, February 28, 2018 - SCCSBA Meeting (Topic TBD)**  
Oak Grove Room, SCCOE, 7:30-9 p.m.

**Saturday, March 3, 2018 - SCCSBA Legislative Brunch (Venue TBD), 9 a.m. - Noon**

**Wednesday, March 28, 2018 - SCCSBA Meeting (Topic TBD)**  
Oak Grove Room, SCCOE, 7:30-9 p.m.

Wednesday, May 23, 2018 - SCCSBA Officers' Reorganization Dinner, Hong Fu Restaurant, 6-8 p.m.

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## Next SCCSBA Networking Lunch - Friday, September 8

Join SCCSBA Trustees for our monthly networking lunch. It's a great opportunity to develop relationships with school board members across the county and to share ideas. Our next Networking Lunch will be held on Friday, September 8 at the start of the next school year. Everyone is invited to attend! We are always looking for new locations to hold our lunch, and contact [execdirector@sccsba.org](mailto:execdirector@sccsba.org) if you have an idea about a restaurant for September 8.



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## CSBA Delegate Assembly Recap

Our Region 20 Delegates with Director Albert Gonzalez were hard at work at the May Delegate Assembly meeting.

CSBA is in the process of developing a new grassroots strategy to improve advocacy efforts in Sacramento. The Grassroots Initiative is focused on establishing a network to support and train school district and county board members in advocacy, building support for and participation in the CSBA Issues PAC, strengthening CSBA outreach to local constituencies, and increasing organizational impact on statewide education policy.

Please complete the survey at the link below to provide feedback on CSBA and input on how it can advance this work.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SVGZ3DW>



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## Welcome to our new SCCSBA Officers for 2017-18

Welcome to our incoming President Jodi Muirhead, Vice President Ellen Wheeler, and Treasurer Anjali Kausar for the 2017-18 academic year!

Abig thank you to outgoing President Reid Myers, Vice President Jodi Muirhead, and Treasurer Danielle Cohen who served as officers for 2016-17. A special thanks to Danielle Cohen, who has been our SCCSBA Treasurer for four years!



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## Santa Clara County Office of Education Spotlight

### EdTech Services micro-credential program receives national attention

The Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE) EdTech Services department will be featured in both [TeacherCast](#) Podcast this June and [District Administrator](#) magazine this September to discuss how micro-credentials are impacting the K-12 world. A micro-credential is a mini certification or digital badge, which is awarded for a specific skill or competency.

"When we talk about micro-credentials in the sense of K-12 we are looking at two levels, one is for professional learning, and the other is classroom application. The SCCOE is developing online content and training for professional learning micro-credentials for K-12 teachers, administrators, and SCCOE staff members. These badges are not just a sticker or an image. Like a mini-transcript, they tell the story of the learner and allow him to showcase his skills visually," said Cate Tolnai, academic technology specialist.

The micro-credential is embedded with metadata and carries information about the person who earned the badge, award date, credential description, actual criteria, and evidence submitted for the badge. Micro-credentials have the power to tell an accurate story of professional learning. In industries where credentialing and professional development is constant, a self-paced digital learning path can be a good solution for the busy employee and the organizations that track the learning. Eight states currently use micro-credentialing programs, and many states are beginning to see the impactful value of micro-credentials for professional certification, but California is still in need of support in this area.

"The EdTech Services team is building partnerships with county offices of education throughout the state to unify efforts and create a statewide platform where educators can personalize their professional learning at their own pace, place, and time frame. Since most courses offer graduate-level university units, we hope a statewide platform will allow the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing to consider the impact of micro-credentialing on the teaching profession," said Craig Blackburn, director of Technology Programs & Instructional Support at the SCCOE.

"We want to create a movement," added Tolnai. "These badges have the potential to reshape teacher and administrator certification for the state and even on a national level."

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## District Highlights

### San José Unified School District

#### San José Unified Recognizes Employees of the Year

San José Unified is home to more than 3,000 employees who make the extraordinary ordinary every day. You may never meet some of them, but they are all working together to prepare today's students to be thinkers, leaders, and creators of tomorrow. On May 16th, district officials and trustees recognized teachers and staff who went above and beyond this school year to help our students discover their own greatness. [Click here to see pictures from our Employee Service Awards.](#)

In the attached photo (L to R):

- Tracy Decaires, Grounds Equipment Operator (Employee of the Year)
- Bertha Marquez, Office Assistant, Hoover Middle School (EOY)
- Jennifer Thomas, President, San José Teachers Association
- Allison Pruitt, Intervention Specialist, Washington Elementary (Teacher of the Year)
- Pam Foley, President, SJUSD Board of Education
- Gail Ippolito, Instructional Associate, Trace Elementary (EOY)
- Nancy Albarrán, SJUSD Superintendent



## Milpitas Unified School District

### Superintendent's Message: Opportunity and action necessary to continue creating remarkable schools

Space, lighting, furniture, color, and dim ate impact our mindset and set the stage for how we learn and work. Think about how this is true in different coffee shops around town: some have spacious seating areas and high ceilings, others have quaint interiors with small cubbies for study and soft chatter. Then there are those that are stark and utilitarian, with faucets or toilets that aren't always in good condition; consequently, they are not inviting spaces for learning and the community.

With the passing of Measure E in 2012, the community support enabled Milpitas Unified School District (MUSD) to create a learning center at every school in which the physical environment is inviting, flexible, and inspiring. When the learning space was opened at Rose Elementary School, Principal Nanci Pass said the students were thrilled and she heard exclamations such as "Wow!" and "We get to learn in here?!" The library at Milpitas High School was transformed and is now a media center with quiet areas and small meeting alcoves, similar to those at our public library on Main Street. These spacious and flexible learning centers inspire collaboration amongst students and offer teams of teachers a place to bring their students together for interdisciplinary projects.

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## Sunnyvale School District

### More than 100 students district-wide receive free glasses

Before the end of the school year, a total of 127 free glasses were dispensed to students at Lakewood, San Miguel, Bishop, Vargas, and Columbia Middle schools who might not have received them otherwise, thanks to a brand new partnership with Vision to Learn. A total of 146 free eye exams were provided to students this spring to identify students in need of glasses. Those that were, were able to pick the frames of their choice. Vision to Learn also arranges it so that if any student breaks or loses their glasses, the organization will replace that pair for free within the year they receive them. Founded in 2012 in Los Angeles, Vision to Learn provides children with free eye exams and free glasses by bringing its mobile eye clinics to schools and to other neighborhood youth and community organizations.



## Moreland School District

Every year, schools within the Moreland School District select Teacher, Staff and Volunteers of the Year to highlight the incredible impact they are making on our students. As an additional marketing tool targeted toward prospective parents and possible staff members, the District has created People of the Year videos, highlighting the work of the site winners with testimonials from administrators, staff, parents and

students. Moreland is thrilled to have released the first two in a series that has been sent to staff, parents, and community via social media. We invite you to join us in celebrating our deserving winners:

- Anderson Elementary School's People of the Year (<http://www.moreland.org/apps/video/watch.jsp?v=148132>)
- Baker Elementary School's People of the Year (<http://www.moreland.org/apps/video/watch.jsp?v=149988>)

## Fremont Union High School District

This month, the annual FUHSD Educational Options Senior Celebration was held to honor seniors at the Community School and in the Customized Learning, EdOps Resource, Vistas and Young Parent programs. Students Esteban Canalez and Ana Vasquez gave moving speeches in honor of the occasion, sharing the positive impact that the Educational Options staff and teachers have made on their lives. Several awards were presented during the ceremony to deserving students, including the Educational Options Outstanding Student award, given to Kavi Narayan, Sable Body and Alan Rodriguez Cervantes, and the Chris Kenison Memorial Scholarship, given to Ricardo Baradas and Anuj Upadhaya. Superintendent Polly Bove and Trustees Jeff Moe, Bill Wilson and Roy Rocklin were in attendance to congratulate the seniors for their perseverance in the face of great challenges and determination to achieve their educational goals.



## Gilroy Unified School District

### Graduating Seniors Receive Record Breaking Scholarship Award Amounts

With the end of the 2016/017 school year, comes great news for many of our graduating seniors. This year, many seniors from all four high schools, Christopher, Gilroy, Dr. T.J. Owens Early College Academy (GECA), and Mt. Madonna received an amazing amount of assistance as they continue on the next chapter of their educational experience. Scholarship awards totaled a very impressive amount ranging from \$500 to \$435,000. In all, students received an amazing \$2,685,940!

Many students received notable scholarships including GECA senior Shirley Hao who was presented with a United States Air Force Academy four-year scholarship during the GECA graduation ceremony. Christopher High School senior Ali Souza received a full scholarship as a member of the United States Coast Guard. Gilroy High School senior Eric Heiser, who will be attending Columbia University, was the recipient of the National Merit Scholar Award which is awarded to only 2,500 students in the nation from an initial pool of 1.6 million students. The District is extremely proud of all of the 904 graduating seniors and all that they have accomplished during their educational journey and wishes all of them continued success!



## Campbell Union School District

### Campbell School Board Appoints New Superintendent Dr. Shelly Viramontez to lead preschool-through-eighth-grade district

Campbell Union School District's Governing Board appointed Dr. Shelly Viramontez as District Superintendent. Currently the District's Associate Superintendent, she will fill the vacancy created when Superintendent Eric Andrew retires at the end of this month. "In her years with CUSD, Shelly has proven to be a skilled communicator," said Governing Board President Thomas Gemetti. "She is known for her ability to form partnerships within the district and in the community that bring added support to students

and families.”

Viramontez has an exceptionally long history with the district, including being an alumnus of Cherry Lane Elementary School (which later became Campbell Middle School). She began her teaching career in 1996 as a Special Day Class teacher at Rolling Hills Middle School, then came up through the ranks as a teacher support provider, assistant principal, principal, Director of Special Education and Student Services, and currently is the Associate Superintendent of Human Resources.

As Chief Executive Officer, she will oversee all aspects of Campbell Union School District’s instructional and operational programs. In addition, she teaches parttime as an adjunct professor at the University of San Francisco, and serves on the Board of several professional organizations, including: the Region 8 Executive Board of the Association of California School Administrators (ACSA), the Resource Area For Teachers (RAFT) Board, San Jose State University’s Master’s Advisory Board, and Santa Clara County School Linked Services Board.



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