

Have a wonderful summer!



## SCCSBA June 2019 Newsletter

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### President's Message - by Ellen Wheeler

#### So Long, and Thanks for All the Fish\*

It's been a pleasure to lead our county organization as we explored our theme of "Getting Out of our Silos." From the importance of arts in our schools, to seeing how career technical education can reach more kids, to the importance of preschool, and looping back to the work of the Santa Clara County Office of Education and their own work in getting special education out of its historic silos, we've expanded our perspectives of what schools are for.

Thank you to Melissa Baten Caswell and Fiona Walter for their work on behalf of us all as officers, and thank you to both of them for agreeing to step up to the plate next year to be our new president and vice president. Speaking of stepping up to the plate, thank you to brand new school board member Rosa Kim for agreeing to take on the job of treasurer. Melissa is a trustee of Palo Alto Unified School District, Fiona is a trustee of Mountain View Los Altos Union High School District, and Rosa is a trustee of Fremont Union High School District.

One of my favorite columns this year was my "You Gotta Have Heart" one where I described the extraordinary teamwork of our officers and Bonnie Mace, our executive director, as we grappled with the real-life issue of whether to support the Marriott Hotel strikers or just go along with our regular CSBA convention plans.

And thank you to all of you for giving your time and heart to the schoolchildren of Santa Clara County.

*\*So Long, and Thanks for All the Fish* is the fourth book of the *Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* "trilogy" written by Douglas Adams. Its title is the message left by the dolphins when they departed Planet Earth just before it was demolished to make way for a hyperspace bypass, as described in *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*. The phrase has since been adopted by some science fiction fans as a humorous way to say "goodbye." *wikipedia*

### SCCSBA Networking Lunch Schedule for 2019-20

After a summer break, our SCCSBA Networking Lunches resume in September of 2019. Here is the schedule for the Friday lunches for the 2019-20 academic year. All trustees are welcome to attend. If you have a favorite lunch spot, please let Executive Director Bonnie Mace know about it

(execdirector@sccsba.org).

Friday, September 13, Country Gourmet (1314 S. Mary Avenue, Sunnyvale)  
Friday, October 4, OPA! (276 E Campbell Ave, Campbell)  
Friday, November 1, Aqui (10630 S De Anza Blvd, Cupertino)  
Friday January 10, El Torito (477 E Calaveras Blvd, Milpitas)  
Friday, February 7, TBA  
Friday, March 6, TBA  
Friday, April 3, TBA  
Friday, May 1, OPA! (276 E Campbell Ave, Campbell)  
Friday, June 5, Country Gourmet (1314 S. Mary Avenue, Sunnyvale)

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## SCCSBA Draft Calendar for 2019-20

Thursday, September 19, 2019 (10:00 AM to Noon, Gilroy Room, SCCOE)  
**Grant-Writing Workshop hosted by California Consulting**

Wednesday, September 25, 2019 (7:30-9:00 PM, Oak Grove Room, SCCOE)  
**SCCSBA Monthly Meeting**

Thursday, October 3, 2019 (6:00-9:00 PM, Campbell Heritage Theater)  
**Teacher Recognition Celebration**

Wednesday, October 30, 2019 (6:00-9:00 PM, Venue TBA)  
**SCCSBA Fall Dinner**

Wednesday, November 13, 2019 (7:30-9:00 PM, Oak Grove Room SCCOE)  
**SCCSBA Monthly Meeting**

Thursday through Saturday, December 5-7, 2019 (San Diego)  
**CSBA Annual Education Conference (Reception - December 5)**

Wednesday, January 22, 2020 (7:30-9:00 PM, Cupertino Room, SCCOE)  
**SCCSBA Monthly Meeting**

Wednesday, February 26, 2020 (7:30-9:00 PM, Cupertino Room, SCCOE)  
**SCCSBA Monthly Meeting**

Saturday, March 7, 2020 (8:30 AM to Noon, MetroED)  
**Annual SCCSBA Legislative Brunch**

Wednesday, March 25, 2020 (7:30-9:00 PM, Cupertino Room, SCCOE)  
**SCCSBA Monthly Meeting**

Wednesday, April 22, 2020 (6:00-9:00 PM, Venue TBA)  
**SCCSBA Hoffmann Awards Dinner**

Wednesday, May 20, 2020 (6:00-8:00 PM, China Stix Restaurant)  
**Annual "Passing the Gavel" Dinner for Officers, Delegates and District Representatives**

Saturday in June 2020 (9:00-11:00 AM, Venue TBA)  
**Candidate Workshop for the 2020 General Election**

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

#### Enthusiastic Capitol crowd calls for Full and Fair Funding of California's public schools

From Humboldt County, Monterey, San Diego and beyond, school leaders converged on Sacramento by the busload on May 22 to make their voices heard and to fight for Full and Fair Funding of California's public schools. About 200 school board members took that fight to the steps of the State Capitol, where they joined thousands including CSBA staff, the California Teachers Association and other education partners in an afternoon Day of Action Rally for Education. Whether teacher, administrator, school employee, ...[Read more.](#)

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CSBA members are invited to preview two learning modules (Summer Learning and Budgeting) in the demo of our new Online Learning Center. [Take a test drive.](#)

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### Highlights from the Santa Clara County Office of Education

The Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE) is pleased to announce the launch of the 2019 #IVoted Video Competition. The youth film competition supports efforts by the SCCOE to encourage civic engagement amongst students.

The #IVoted Video Competition calls on junior and high school aged creatives within Region 5 (Santa Clara, San Benito, Monterey, and Santa Cruz counties) to motivate their peers to vote. The winning videos will become part of the SCCOE's educator toolkit for High School Voter Education Weeks and shared online to help inspire future voters and motivate eligible voters.

For more information on this and other SCCOE civic engagement initiatives, visit <http://bit.ly/IVotedVideo>.

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### School District Highlights

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#### Cambrian School District

##### **CAMBRIAN STUDENT WINS: Uttara Krishnan is Grade Prize Winner for National History Contest**

Uttara Krishnan, a seventh grader from Ida Price Middle School, was the grand prize winner for Junior Scholastic's Eyewitness to History Contest. Junior Scholastic is a social studies magazine for students in grades 6-8 that encourages students to connect with members of their community and interview people who have experienced historic events. This year the Junior Scholastic team received over 400 entries, and Krishnan's interview was featured in the April 22 issue of Junior Scholastic.

For her entry titled "A Child's Point of View: The Iranian Revolution," Uttara interviewed a family friend named Sylvie Kadivar about her experiences during Iran's revolution as a child and starting a new life in France. For her grand-prize-winning entry, Uttara and her teacher will each receive \$250. You can read Uttara's interview with Sylvie in an article titled "Escaping Iran's Revolution":

<http://oomscholasticblog.com/post/three-students-awarded-2019-junior-scholastic-eyewitness-history-contest>

Congratulations, Uttara!

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#### Evergreen School District

##### **Evergreen School District Appoints Dr. Emy Flores as new Superintendent**

After an extensive search process, the Evergreen School District Board of Trustees has appointed Dr. Emy Flores to the position of Superintendent of Evergreen School District.

Dr. Emy Flores has been an educator since 1993. She has served as a teacher, instructional coach, assistant principal, principal, director, and Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services with a strong background in professional development, instructional technology, bilingual education and the Arts.

As Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services for the last four years with Fullerton School District, Dr. Flores has developed and implemented multiple award-winning programs including Dual Immersion, Visual and Performing Arts, Speech & Debate, STEAM, Middle College, and Computer Science. She has been recognized for her leadership at the local, state, and national level. She is the 2019 STEAM Educator of the Year for California 29th Senate District, 2017 and 2015 Woman of Distinction for the California State Assembly 65, 2007 Woman of the Year for California Assembly District 57, and an Apple Distinguished Educator.



## Santa Clara Unified School District

### Announcing Incoming Superintendent: Dr. Stella Kemp

After a search that included candidates from throughout the United States, the Santa Clara Unified School District Board of Trustees is pleased to announce their vote to appoint Dr. Stella M. Kemp as the new superintendent of Santa Clara Unified School District (SCUSD). Dr. Kemp, who currently serves as the superintendent of San Bruno Park School District, comes to the district with over 30 years of experience in public education, including experience in Texas, Germany, and California.

Dr. Kemp will officially join the district in July after Dr. Rose retires at the end of June.

Regarding her appointment, Dr. Kemp says, "I'm excited to join the Santa Clara Unified family, meet everyone, and do my part to continue the upward momentum of the district! I know that high-quality educational programs that prepare our students with the competencies and skills for an ever-changing world and workplace are a priority for the district. As the new superintendent, I call on you to engage with me in these partnerships to create a common vision for our students."

### Agnews Construction Update

The Board of Trustees, Cabinet members, retiring Superintendent Dr. Stan Rose, and incoming Superintendent Dr. Stella Kemp toured the Agnews property in May, where three new schools are being constructed. Community support through three different general obligation bond measures funds the land purchase and construction. The elementary and middle schools open in fall 2020 and the high school opens in fall 2022.



## Milpitas Unified School District

### Helicopter lands messages of growth mindset, healthy lifestyles at Sinnott Elementary School

A Sikorsky HH-60G Pavehawk from Moffett Air National Guard Base landed on the field of Sinnott Elementary School May 30. Maj. Ken Yambing, the CDTF Team Hawk commander, spoke about the importance of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math (STEAM), which led to the designing, creating, and building of the helicopter. He also talked to the students about having a growth mindset, and how making good decisions throughout your life can help you obtain some awesome jobs such as a pilot, first responder, teacher, etc.

SFC Mark Anthony Karandang, CDTF Civil Air Operations NCOIC, encouraged students to be kind to one another, and emphasized teamwork and healthy eating.

[Read the full article online here.](#)



## Berryessa School District

### Vinci Park ES Earns Recognition from Innovate Public Schools

Each year, Innovate Public Schools celebrates the Bay Area public schools achieving excellent results for Latino and African American students. This nonprofit organization, dedicated to creating world-class public schools, issues an annual report highlighting schools that are truly closing the achievement gap for Latino and African American students.

Vinci Park Elementary School is among these leading schools featured in their most recent report, and was **recognized on June 4, 2019** for their success in closing the achievement gap in math for our Latino students. Join us in celebrating this phenomenal achievement!

## Fremont Union High School District

FUHSD is incredibly excited to announce that Kavita Gupta of Monta Vista High School has been chosen as the first ever recipient of the National Geographic Gilbert M. Grosvenor Educator of the Year award!



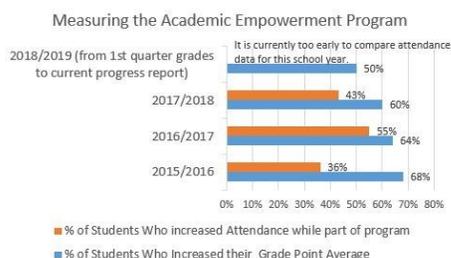
The Gilbert M. Grosvenor Educator of the Year Award was created to honor an educator for exceptional achievement in education focusing on exploration, science and conservation in their work, and is named after the National Geographic Society's former president and chairman of the board of trustees who also served as Editor of the National Geographic Magazine for many years. National Geographic shared that Kavita was chosen for her dynamic teaching style, which engages students through innovative, technology-rich and student-centered curricula.

Kavita will be honored at a special ceremony in Washington, D.C. this June. Read more on the [National Geographic website](#).

## San José Unified School District

### San José Unified Teachers Selected for The Tech Academies of Innovation Fellowship

Four San José Unified School District teachers have been chosen to participate in the award-winning "The Tech Academies" fellowship program. Teachers Laura Joy Lamkin and Rebecca Lunceford from Galarza Elementary and Anson Lam and Kimberly Masegian from Carson Elementary will join a cohort of forty educators from other local school districts and expanded learning organizations, developing leadership skills and expertise in engineering instruction as they begin their two-year fellowship. As the district resource for engineering education and design thinking, they will train other San José Unified educators across the curriculum in engineering and design thinking, creating a growing network of STEM leaders supporting excellence in the San José Unified community.



## Moreland School District

### Moreland Awarded Goldin Foundation Award for Middle School Mentoring Program

Moreland Middle School's (MMS) Academic Empowerment Program has just been named the 2019 Goldin Foundation of Educational Excellence Exemplary Project, a distinguished honor that includes a monetary award of \$5,000 that will go toward program needs. *Academic*

*Empowerment* matches adult volunteer mentors to middle school students who have a 2.0 or lower GPA with the goal of giving students struggling in school the tools necessary to become better learners. This program has successfully achieved this goal year after year by mobilizing parents and community members to serve as volunteer academic mentors for at-risk students in 6th - 8th grade. You can learn more at [www.moreland.org](http://www.moreland.org).



## Campbell Union High School District

### CUHSD Graduating Class Received More than \$1 Million in Scholarships

Throughout the week of May 20, CUHSD schools held their annual Senior Recognition Nights where they honored the achievements of outgoing seniors by distributing awards and scholarships.

More than \$1 million worth of scholarships were provided to students from across the district, including CUHSD Student Board Member Clarabelle Walkup who received a \$200,000 scholarship from the Navy Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC).

CUHSD Trustees presented the Xilinx and the Cully R. Plant Memorial scholarships during each school's Senior Recognition Night, a longstanding tradition in the District. Other awards include the Country Woman's Club of Campbell scholarship and the Silicon Valley Realtors Foundation scholarship.

In addition to scholarships, school administrators and teachers distributed awards for scholastic and athletic excellence.

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