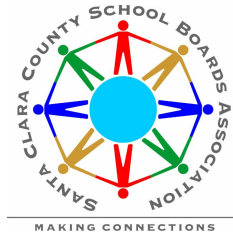
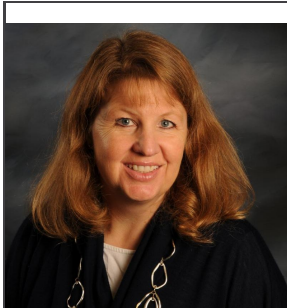


Have a happy and safe summer!



SCCSBA June 2021 Newsletter

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President's Message - by Fiona Walter

Hi, All,

Happy end of a very crazy year! By now all our students are done, some with promotion ceremonies, others with official graduation ceremonies. I think our teachers are starting to exhale and I know the kids are.

Your SCCSBA team is beginning to exhale also. We finish out the 20-21 year with a busy week: June newsletter, 21-22 leadership planning meeting, Legislative Action Committee meeting, and finally a large group meeting with Dr. Dewan.

July includes radio silence for board members, though your district teams will be contacted about SCCSBA dues for next year. Watch for info from us early August with next year's calendar (the September evening meeting is on zoom, then alternating in-person/zoom) as well as an opportunity to meet with Dr. Dewan once school has started.

Thank you to this year's leadership team (of course including Bonnie!), to the Leg. Action crew, Marty, Albert, and to all of you for being so incredibly involved in finding and advocating for solutions during this most unusual year. Your wisdom has been greatly appreciated and the cross-pollination of ideas will serve us well for years to come.

Wishing you lots of time with family this summer as well as perhaps some travel (finally!). Looking forward to seeing you all in the fall.

All the best,
Fiona

June 17 - SCCSBA Zoom Meeting with County Superintendent Dewan

County Superintendent Dewan will join us June 17 at 11 a.m. for her regular update on what's happening in public education in our county, including school reopening, COVID vaccinations, summer learning etc. All trustees are welcome to join. We will take a break in July and resume with the zoom meetings with County Superintendent Dewan in August.

July 1 - June Budget Perspectives Zoom Workshop

All Trustees and Superintendents are invited to an important upcoming budget workshop on July 1, hosted by SCCOE and presented by Capitol Advisors Group.

June Budget Perspectives Workshop
Thursday, July 1, 2021
9:00am to 10:30am

To register, please use the link below. This will be a virtual Zoom presentation.

[June Budget Perspectives Workshop, Santa Clara COE](#)

Legislative leaders reached a budget deal between the two houses, setting the stage for the final round of negotiations with Governor Newsom. The team at Capitol Advisors will discuss the final budget deal and funding for critical programs and issues such as LCFF, special education, expanded learning, TK and child care, community schools, career technical education (CTE), mitigating pension and unemployment insurance costs, and others. We will also focus on the politics of the recall election and of Sacramento generally, and how funding, politics and policy will impact the options for schools heading into next school year.

As things now stand, the legislative proposal includes some key differences with the Governor's May Revision:

- It assumes higher revenue numbers and a higher Prop 98 guarantee, uses these higher estimates to increase some ongoing spending, and also characterizes spending so that it remains below the state appropriations limit (Gann limit)
- It pays off the \$2.6 billion deferral (June 2022 to July 2022) that remains in the May Revision
- It proposes nearly \$3 billion over 4 years of non-Prop 98 funds to mitigate school employer pension cost increases
- It proposes to lower the rising unemployment insurance rate from 1.23% to .5% for the 2021-22 and 2022-23 fiscal years

With regard to major program changes, legislative leaders:

- Agree with phasing in universal Transitional Kindergarten (TK) over several years, but they also add significant increases and expansions to child care rates and slots to support a mixed delivery system
- Add ongoing funding for special education to increase the statewide base rate
- Modify the expanded learning program to provide funding for all unduplicated pupils
- Increase access to career and college readiness programs

As always, this workshop is provided at no cost by SCCOE and is presented by Capitol Advisors in collaboration with ACSA, CSBA, SSDA, AALRR and CLIMATEC.



From our CSBA Region 20 Representative Marty Fatooh

Trustees,

I am writing this column on the eve of the hopeful passing of the 2021 Budget in the legislature. The events of the past 18 months have put the lack of spending on K-12 public education on public display and because of your advocacy efforts, we are cautiously optimistic that this year's budget will help put our students, teachers, families, and communities on the right path for the fall school year. Governor

Newsom's original proposal and May revision shows a substantial emphasis on broadband access, school nutrition and health services, among many other supportive initiatives, however we must be patient as much of the trailer bill language and local implementation of these programs will take some time. If there are specific programs and/ or issue topics included in the Governor's Budget that you are interested in, please do not hesitate to reach out and I will try to follow up with the appropriate officials/agencies in Sacramento.

June 15 is when we walk into the post-Covid world (technically, in terms of tiers and mask mandates). State, Local, and County governments have had to both increase and improve the way in which they communicate with LEA's (and vice-versa), and hopefully that does not end when we go back to "Business as Usual". To that end, I have begun to explore assembling an informal working group between school board members, 2-3 members of local city councils, and a member and/or representative of the County Board of Supervisors. I envision this group meeting on a quarterly basis, whether that be virtual or a variation of both in person and virtual. A council member in Mountain View as well as a member of a county-wide body has expressed interest in working with us and I would be safe to assume that others would be interested in getting involved. The group would meet to share information and

insights related to public education in their respective areas, strategize on how to best communicate with each other going forward, and to hopefully develop strong community and business partnerships which would benefit the students in Santa Clara County. I look forward to working with many of you, including the County Association in helping develop this group and please feel free to send suggestions of people who you think would be good participants in the early stages.

Earlier this year, I had shared that myself and other Pacers were working with our communications team to share more about the great work school board members have been doing both before and during the pandemic. The "Highlighting our School Boards" campaign has now been shared through our social media platforms including our Youtube page in addition to paid public service announcements in select media markets throughout the State (not in the Bay Area this year). In Santa Clara County, we highlighted the great work that Delegate and MV Whisman trustee Devon Conley and her board have been up to, especially around broadband access and digital equity. You can see the short video on the CSBA Youtube Page. It is important to create more public awareness around the role of boards as well as your dedication to the students and teachers in your LEA's and I hope that this continues as we move forward. Thank you to those who sent me testimonials and I wish we could have featured more of them in our publications.

As we move into the Summer months, I know everyone will be busy as we continue to plan for the fall and wrap up on Spring items. As always, please do not hesitate to reach out and thank you for your service.

Marty (mfatooh@csba.org)

Santa Clara County Office of Education Spotlight

Bay Area County Superintendents Announce Support of School Campus Reopening for Fall 2021

The Santa Clara, Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Mateo, and San Francisco County Superintendents of Schools in collaboration with the Public Health Officers in their respective counties, urge school administrators, teachers, and parents to work together to plan for full in-person instructional programs in classrooms for all grades in the fall and strongly encourage the continued use of face coverings as a common-sense risk reduction strategy.

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, Bay Area county schools were united in their efforts to prioritize and maintain the safety and wellness of students, school personnel, and the communities within these counties. They remain united in this effort, and families can feel safe returning to school campuses this fall.

"The numerous challenges within the past year surfaced hardships for staff, students, and families. These obstacles were confronted with collaboration and unity of efforts to serve staff, students, and families," said Santa Clara County Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Mary Ann Dewan. "More than ever our collective strength was tested and our ability to partner effectively during times of crisis was revealed. We will uphold key learnings from the past year and ensure our school campuses are safe for students and staff."

Public health researchers, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the California Department of Public Health, and local health departments have learned from the research and the experiences of classroom instruction from the fall of 2020 through the spring of 2021. In short, the risk of transmission among children wearing masks is very low, even with reduced spacing between desks.

In the Bay Area and throughout the state, many factors indicate that the risk of classroom transmission has decreased as community case rates have fallen. There are high rates of vaccination among people at increased risk of severe disease, including older adults and those with high risk of medical complications, and the overall community prevalence of COVID-19 is low. Therefore, the Bay Area County Superintendents of Schools are united in their message to urge all schools to plan for the full return to in-person instruction in the fall.

The California Department of Public Health's [reopening framework](#) for schools offers guidelines for limiting the spread of infection and requirements for face covering, basic cleaning, enhanced ventilation, and other measures to facilitate a safe return to in-person instruction. Schools have implemented these practices and brought students and teachers back to campus. Students, parents, teachers, coaches – and their families – have made considerable sacrifices throughout the pandemic. Thankfully, the conditions now allow schools to offer the full range of learning and support programs that our educational communities typically provide.

The current guidance for schools is based on evidence from the CDC that shows vaccines are extremely effective in protecting vaccinated individuals from infection, severe illness, and death, as well as preventing them from spreading COVID-19 to others. Additionally, increasing vaccination rates helps

mitigate the spread of new variants that are more likely to infect those who are unvaccinated. The wearing of face coverings in schools complements vaccinations and helps protect people who cannot yet get vaccinated, people who may not get the full benefit from the vaccine, and people with weakened immune systems. All persons aged 12 and older are eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine.

“The end of the school year heralds the season of summer activities, and allows us time to resume routine visits to pediatricians and dentists; activities that we may not have been able to engage in just a few months ago,” said Santa Clara County Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Dewan. “While we anticipate outings and gatherings with family and friends in the coming weeks, we must continue to be mindful of the health and wellness of ourselves and others and urge everyone we know who is eligible to get vaccinated. These practices help further ensure our plan to return to full, in-person instruction this fall.”

School District Highlights



East Side Union High School District New Superintendent Glenn Vander Zee

The East Side Union High School District Board of Trustees selected Glenn Vander Zee as Superintendent. Mr. Vander Zee has been an educator for more than 25 years. He has taught in elementary and middle schools, and he has served as principal at both the middle school and high school levels.

He is an innovative leader in education and has been recognized by his peers in education as the **National Principal of the Year – California, Middle Grades Principal of the Year, and Administrator of the Year**. Mr. Vander Zee has served as the Principal of James Lick High School, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Associate Superintendent of Educational Services and the Associate Superintendent of Human Resources in the East Side Union High School District. In each of these positions Mr. Vander Zee worked collaboratively with fellow educators to develop clear outcomes, positive relationships and innovations toward improved student outcomes.

Mr. Vander Zee said, “It is my honor to be selected as the District’s Superintendent. I am humbled by the Board’s selection and look forward to working with the amazing team of educators and professionals in the East Side community and to continue the work towards building equitable educational communities and opportunities for our students and families.”



Morgan Hill Unified School District New Superintendent Dr. Carmen Garcia

On July 1, 2021 the Morgan Hill Unified School District will officially welcome Dr. Carmen Garcia to serve as the new Superintendent of schools. Dr. Garcia comes to the district with 22 years of experience in public education. After growing up in Southern California where she attended K-12 schools, Dr. Garcia graduated magna cum laude from the University of San Diego with a Bachelor of Arts degree in History and Spanish. Dr. Garcia earned a Master’s Degree and teaching credential, embarking on her career in teaching before receiving her Doctorate from University of Southern California.

Throughout her career, Dr. Garcia has gained a broad perspective as teacher, researcher, principal, Assistant Superintendent and Superintendent. During this time she has worked to unite stakeholders and provide the resources and support for each and every student to reach their fullest potential. Dr. Garcia is excited to lead the Morgan Hill Unified School District into the next phase and strives for all students to have access to a quality education which will prepare them to be successful and productive members of society.

Orchard School District New Superintendent Dr. Jeffrey Bowman

The Orchard School District is pleased to announce Dr. Jeffrey Bowman as the district’s next superintendent, effective July 1, 2021. The search was conducted by the Santa Clara County Office of Education and included input from Orchard staff and community.

With a career that spans nearly 20 years in education, Dr. Bowman is a strong operational and

collaborative leader with experience in human resources, business services, communications, operations and technology. He has held several leadership positions including teacher, assistant principal, principal, Director of Human Resources, Chief Information Officer and Chief Operations Officer at Cupertino Union School District, where he served for 12 years. Prior to that, Dr. Bowman worked at the San Bruno Park School District.

Dr. Bowman is committed to supporting families, employees and students. He credits his long-standing success as an educational leader to an ability to recognize and value nurturing positive, working relationships through transparent communication that is balanced with the use of data and research.

"I have learned a lot from my time of service working with the Cupertino Union School District. The employees, families and students will always hold a special place in my heart, and I wish them all continued success," said Dr. Bowman. "I am excited to join the Orchard School District family, and I look forward to working with a community of educators who strive to serve the whole child and have a keen focus on supporting students. I am also looking forward to seeing staff and students bring our campuses back to life as we return to school in-person. We will do great work together at Orchard."

Dr. Bowman received a Bachelor of Humanities from Menlo College, Atherton, and earned his Master's Degree in Education from San Francisco State University. He also earned a Doctorate in Educational Leadership from Saint Mary's College of California, Moraga.

Orchard School District Board President, Stephanie Hill, commented, "The board is delighted to welcome Dr. Bowman as our next superintendent. His experience and focus on students will be an asset to our community."



Milpitas Unified School District

Pair of Sinnott students presented with Award of Merit for Reflections Program

Two students from Sinnott Elementary School were awarded the Award of Merit (2nd Place) for Reflections Program by California PTA.

Kashvi Agarwal won the Award of Merit in the Intermediate Photography contest and schoolmate Emaan Talukdar won the Award of Merit in the Special Artist

Film Production category.

There were over 25,000 art entries in various categories from all over CA and of those 30 won the 1st Place and moved to Nationals whereas 90 kids got the 2nd place and were given the **Award of Merit**.



Cambrian School District

Cambrian School District is so proud of Mrs. Joy Hart from Sartorette Elementary. She appeared on NBC's Today Show last month in celebration of Teacher Appreciation Week. This is a result of the beautiful tribute by her former student, writer/filmmaker Sephora Woldu in a "Humans of New York" April 9th post on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

We couldn't be more proud of Mrs. Hart for being an inspiring teacher and representative of Cambrian.

[Click here to view Mrs. Hart on the TODAY SHOW.](#)

Thanks to Mrs. Hart and our incredible teachers for always going the second mile for students.

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