

## SCCSBA June 2020 Newsletter

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### President's Message - by Melissa Baten Caswell

As we head into summer, stay strong...

School budgets, reopening plans, and public health guidance are feeling a lot like the weather in New England: "Wait a minute and it will change." ...Uncertainty is tough and we need to continue to reach out to support each other by listening, sharing experiences, resources, and best practices.

Districts are discussing a variety of models and it is likely that the fall reopening will be different across communities. We must keep an open mind and work with our superintendents to focus on serving all of our students- especially those who struggle in the best situations.

Thank you for your support for me this year as your SCCSBA President, and to Bonnie our ED and our officers and chairs. ...This year did not turn out as we expected it to turn out. Well planned events and activities have been canceled or postponed. However, the silver lining in this challenging situation has been our weekly Zoom calls and the opportunity to get to know so many more of you than I would have with just formal monthly meetings. I feel blessed to work with such a smart and dedicated group of trustees.

We will survive this storm together and move forward.  
Warmly,

Melissa

Santa Clara County  Office of Education



The County of Santa Clara Office of LGBTQ Affairs and the Behavioral Health Services Department are offering free online LGBTQ+ trainings for all caring adults connected to middle and high schools across the county. LGBTQ youth are at a higher risk during

the COVID-19 crisis, and this free training will help you, your educators, and staff mitigate some of these harms. As we continue to shelter-in-place, we wanted to make you aware of this training opportunity that is completely online and can be taken whenever your schedule allows.

Step In, Speak Up! is an interactive online training where users will gain exposure to LGBTQ+ terminology and participate in simulated conversations. Users will learn how to respond to biased language, address harassment in the classroom, and support a young person experiencing mental health issues, including suicidal ideation. This 30-minute training allows participants to role play conversations, try different approaches, and get personalized feedback to gain the confidence and skills to navigate LGBTQ+ conversations in real life. All middle and high school teachers, staff, volunteers, and administrators are encouraged to take this training. Read more about Step In, Speak Up! [here](#). The online training is made available schools, districts, parent organizations, etc. for free as long as you complete it by June 30. If interested, [register here!](#)

**If you have any additional questions about the registration form, the training, or would like a demo, please email contact The Office of LGBTQ Affairs at [schoolpride@ceo.sccgov.org](mailto:schoolpride@ceo.sccgov.org).**

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## **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**

**A Special Thanks to our outgoing SCCSBA Officers for 2019-2020 school year:**

**Melissa Baten Caswell, President**

**Fiona Walter, Vice President**

**Rosa Kim, Treasurer**

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## **SCCSBA/SCCROV Candidate Workshop - Saturday, June 27**

Learn about the rules, regulations and paperwork for school board candidates running in the November Election. There are a lot of new rules given the COVID-19 environment. We are hosting a Zoom Candidate Workshop in partnership with the Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters on Saturday, June 27 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Stay tuned for more information including the Zoom link. We encourage first-time candidates to attend in addition to current school board members who will be running for re-election.

Thanks to Mountain View Whisman School Board Trustee Ellen Wheeler for hosting this event.

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

[NEW: CSBA Schools Reopening Guidance](#)

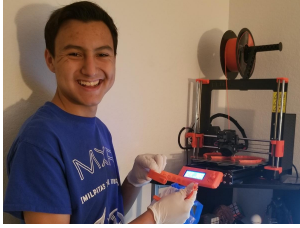
CSBA's [new report](#), The Uncertain Road Ahead: Reopening Schools in the Time of COVID-19, presents a robust examination of what it will take to reopen schools safely and effectively.

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## **School District Highlights**

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## Milpitas Xtreme Robotics produce face shield frames with 3D printers



After learning of a shortage of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for healthcare workers, three student members of the Milpitas Xtreme Robotics team with 3D printers immediately shifted gears and began producing face shield braces. Since then, MXR Vice President Kalino Ruiz, as well as team members Nick Azpeitia and Rakesh Mehta, have printed more than 200 face shield parts for local hospitals.

“We look forward to the day when COVID-19 is no longer an issue for us all. But until then, we hope to do what we can to help fight coronavirus,” said MXR President Chloe Wang, a 17-year-old Milpitas High School senior who oversees all of the team projects.

Maker Nexus picks up the face shield parts from the students, adds the face guard, and then delivers them to local hospitals for their essential workers.

“We are printing everyday,” said Wang, noting that the printers are running up to 12 hours per day to make the parts.

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