



SCCSBA March Newsletter

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President's Message - by Reid Myers

Asspring approaches, change is in the air. The sun is finally shining and the energy is palpable. Our students are feeling the summer coming on- although their load has not lessened. In fact, the CAASPP is on the horizon for our 3rd-8th and 11th graders.

Along with our farewell to winter, we will say our final farewell to the API (which years later is still being referred to especially when determining home value) and embracing multiple measures of accountability. After years of planning, the new data dashboard is scheduled to be released any day. It remains to be seen how easily our families will adjust to this new multiple-measure system- but it's dear that one number isn't enough to get a good feel for all a school has to offer. Information is available on the CDE website at www.cde.ca.gov.

Our schools offer much more than one score can possibly reflect. Each year districts in our county submit exemplary programs to be reviewed and scored by a group of school board members and administrators. The programs are always impressive. Registration is now open for our final event of the school year- the annual Hoffmann Awards on April 26th. Join us to learn about some of these successful and replicable programs. Hope to see you there.

April 26 SCCSBA Hoffmann Awards Dinner - Register Now

Registration for our 2017 Glenn W. Hoffmann Awards Dinner is now open! You can register at: 2017hoffmandinner.eventbrite.com.

The Dinner will be held on Wednesday, April 26 at Tarragon Restaurant (140 South Murphy Avenue) in Sunnyvale. The cost is \$40 per person.

This year, there are four winning programs. One of the programs will also receive the Kristi Porter Outstanding Program Award, which will be announced at our Awards Dinner.

The 2017 Hoffmann Award winning programs (in alphabetical order by school district) are:

Atlas and AVID Academies - William Sheppard Middle School - Alum Rock Union School District

Biomedical Science Academy - Gilroy High School - Gilroy Unified School District

Community School Model - San Miguel Elementary School - Sunnyvale Elementary School District

We are excited to celebrate these wonderful programs, and we hope to see you at the celebration dinner.

**March 22 SCCSBA Meeting
Featuring Ted Lempert, President of Children Now**

We are excited to announce that our March 22 SCCSBA Meeting will star guest speaker Ted Lempert.

Ted Lempert is the President of Children Now, a national research and advocacy organization based in Oakland, California. He is also a Lecturer in the Political Science Department at UC Berkeley. Previously, Mr. Lempert was the founding CEO and co-founder of EdVoice, a California education reform organization.

Mr. Lempert was a California State Assembly member representing San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties from 1996 to 2000 and 1988 to 1992. He served as chair of the Assembly Higher Education Committee and the Select Committees on Education Technology and Coastal Protection, and co-chair of the Joint Committee to Develop a Master Plan for Education. He had more than 75 bills signed by Governors Deukmejian, Wilson and Davis, including major laws in the areas of education, health care, children and families, tax policy and the environment.

Mr. Lempert also served on the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors, where he was President of the Board in 1995. He was the founder of the County's Youth Commission and chaired the Task Force on Violence Against Women. Prior to holding public office, Mr. Lempert was special counsel and an associate for the law firm of Sheppard, Mullin, Richter and Hampton in San Francisco.

The meeting will be held in the Oak Grove Room at the Santa Clara County Office of Education from 7:30-9:00 p.m. All board members are welcome to attend.

April 27, CSBA Roadshow at SCCOE

It takes a local community to know what's best for students. It takes a powerful statewide network to make it possible!

Join us Thursday, April 27 to discover how CSBA's new grassroots network can help deliver results for students and the change schools need on a local level.

What: CSBA Roadshow: Investing in Education, Empowering Local Communities

When: Thursday, April 27

Where: Gilroy Room at the Santa Clara County Office of Education, 1290 Ridder Park Drive, San Jose

We'll come together to help lay the groundwork for:

- Smaller class sizes
- Expanded career technical education
- Relief from escalating pension costs
- Enhanced professional development for board members and staff
- Increased afterschool enrichment
- Better programs for English Language Learners
- Higher investment in Science, Tech, Engineering, Arts & Math (S.T.E.A.M.)
- Greater access to technology and learning materials

The need in California schools is tremendous and it's not limited to the items listed above. We must invest in education to prepare our students for the demands of the 21st century economy. CSBA's new approach prepares us to:

- Establish a robust grassroots system to mobilize members and maximize our political capital.

· Drive the education policy agenda to ensure high quality education for every student by addressing the adequacy and opportunity gaps.

· Provide more in-depth advocacy, policy, community engagement and governance training for individual board members.

· Guarantee more frequent contact with CSBA staff and localized updates on the policy, legal and political developments of specific interest to your community.

· Build powerful coalitions regionally and statewide.

Learn how you can play a part in the work and make an even bigger difference for your students!

Please RSVP to SCCSBA Executive Director Bonnie Mace at execdirector@sccsba.org.

Upcoming SCCSBA Events for 2017

March 22, SCCSBA Meeting Featuring Ted Lempert, President of Children Now
7:30-9:00 p.m., Oak Grove Room, SCCOE

Friday, April 7, 2017 SCCSBA Lunch
11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Country Gourmet, Sunnyvale

Wednesday, April 26, 2017 Hoffmann Awards Dinner/Presentations
6:00-9:00 p.m., Tarragon Restaurant

Thursday, April 27, 2017 CSBA Roadshow at SCCOE
11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Gilroy Room, Santa Clara County Office of Education

Friday, May 12, 2017 SCCSBA Lunch
11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Country Gourmet, Sunnyvale

Wednesday, May 17, 2017 Annual Officer's and District Representatives' Dinner
6:30-8:00 p.m., Hong Fu Restaurant

Santa Clara County Office of Education Spotlight

Opportunity Youth Academy launches ConXion site with a formal ribbon cutting

SAN JOSE, CA – On Friday, March 3, a dedication ceremony was held for the Opportunity Youth Academy (OYA) site, ConXion, located at 749 Story Road, San Jose, California. The event was attended by County Superintendent of Schools Jon R. Gundry, along with members of the Santa Clara County Board of Education, and joined by students and staff. The OYA ConXion is the fifth location to open in Santa Clara County since the inception of Opportunity Youth Academy.

“The latest annual statistics show that 2,200 students dropped out of school in Santa Clara County. Most of these students were under 18 years old, and most of them would join the more than 4,500 young people in our community who were not in school, not employed, and not eligible for military service,” said OYA Interim Principal, Dr. Nicky Ramos-Beban. “When you look at the numbers in this way, you can see there is a real sense of the urgency to reach and re-engage these students. Fortunately, our Board of Education and staff felt compelled to act.”

“After almost two years of development and support from our Board of Education, OYA was successfully launched in 2015 as a credit-recovery program that re-engages students aged 16-24 to help them earn their high school diploma,” County Superintendent of Schools Jon R. Gundry said.

The [Opportunity Youth Academies](#) offer students a blended program of teacher-directed instruction, and online credit accrual and recovery options. The individualized support of teachers, counselors, navigators, liaisons, and access to the services of SCCOE partners from community-based organizations is the hallmark of this unique program.

“We have been able to tailor students’ personal goals to make a tremendous impact in the lives of these young people who need to be re-engaged,” said County Board of Education Trustee, Grace Mah.

Additional Opportunity Youth Academy sites are planned to open throughout Santa Clara County, and will serve youth ages 16- to 24-years-old. For more information, please call 1-844-OYA-4UUU (1-844-692-4888) or email oya@sccoe.org



District Highlights

Milpitas Unified School District

Science fiction becomes virtual reality in Milpitas Unified School District

On any given day, students across Milpitas Unified School District are setting off on Apollo missions alongside Neil Armstrong, visiting different countries they have only ever read about in their history books, creating and taking tours in homes they create, and reducing their speaking fears by presenting in front of a virtual audience.

What once seemed like science fiction has now become reality, Virtual Reality (VR), since the District kicked off its efforts in 2016.

"VR is the next progression of technology that students are being introduced to experience learning in an immersive way," said Chin Song, the district's Director of Technology Services.

On February 6, fifth graders at Burnett Elementary School went far beyond using VR as a tool to bridge an experience to one that is building intimate understanding, human connections, and empathy with others. To find out more about this project, read the [entire article here](#).



Fremont Union High School District

The Homestead High School Marching Band welcomed Lance Tibbett, President of the Tournament of Roses, for a very special visit this month. Students learned more about the 2018 Rose Parade, in which they will be participating, including the theme for next year - "Making a Difference." Homestead's Marching Band is one of only two high school bands from California marching in next year's Rose Parade. Bands come from all over the world, from places as far away as Australia and Japan, to perform in the Rose Parade, which is in its 129th year.

Mr. Tibbett gifted the students with commemorative posters featuring the logo of the 2018 Rose Parade, which he graciously signed alongside HHS band directors John Burn and Eric Weingartner. Mr. Tibbett also attended the Board meeting at Homestead High School on March 7, where he presented the school with an official commemorative Rose Parade flag.



Evergreen School District

For the first time, some Evergreen students will be bringing technology home. The first cohort of 49 students have been given a Chromebook to use at school and at home as part of the new "Technology In The Home" program. Families without internet will also be provided online access through the Comcast Internet Essentials Program.

The program is an effort to expand Evergreen's work on becoming a globally competent district. In order to raise the bar for teaching and learning and help students compete in a technology-driven society, the District needed to go the extra mile. The "Technology In The Home" Program is among the first steps in this endeavor.

An integral part of the District's mission is to enhance how students learn in the classroom and help parents understand how their child is learning. Parents will be expected to participate in all of the scheduled classes throughout the year.



Moreland School District

Moreland's music teachers and two students performed with the San Jose Metropolitan Band and acclaimed Grammy-Award winner jazz musician Eddie Daniels. With teachers Nils Johnson on the bass and playing with the jazz trio, Rebecca Ayer on the oboe and English horn, two Moreland Middle students playing the clarinet and oboe and teacher Greg Bergantz conducting, the San Jose Metropolitan Band stunned audiences with its extraordinary performance and later offered a workshop for student musicians in attendance at Saratoga's McAfee Performing Arts and Lecture Center. Moreland's award-winning music groups will continue their performances with a traveling band in March and Spring Concerts in May.



San José Unified School District

San José Unified School District supports parents with Family University

San José Unified School District's Family University Winter Session at Hoover Middle School was a huge success. Nearly 150 parents and family members took time on a Saturday to participate in classes on subjects from setting up an email account to helping students develop their writing skills and college readiness. We're pleased to report that 85% of participants rated the program a 5 out of 5 on satisfaction surveys! Looking ahead, the Spring Session is scheduled for **Saturday, April 1st, from 10:00am to 3:00pm**, also at Hoover. [Please visit our website for more information and to register today.](#)



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