



SCCSBA March 2019 Newsletter

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President's Message - by Ellen Wheeler

Spending a dollar today to save seven dollars later

One of the most famous statistics utilized by preschool advocates is this one from Nobel Laureate James Heckman, economics professor from Princeton University: "Spending a dollar today on high quality preschool will save seven dollars later." That cost savings refers to the money we won't have to spend on late diagnosis special education, on court and police costs for children who have disengaged from school, and on prisons to lock them up when they commit crimes or get on drugs because they haven't been taught work or educational skills. This refers to the money society spends at the far end on people who were traumatized by living in broken homes and being around violence on a daily basis. And it refers to children who are suspended, then expelled, for "willful defiance" when they act out in our classrooms, leaving them to roam the streets instead of being sensitively cared for in our schools.

How does high quality early learning and childcare make a dent in that tragic trajectory? The best programs work with parents from pregnancy through kindergarten enrollment by providing medical, dental, and vision care, and healthy food. They educate parents on how to take care of and teach their new baby, toddler, and preschooler. They help parents engage with other parents in their communities to share their stories, concerns, and workable practices. They train parents on how to interact with their child's teacher and the school system. And, they ensure that all children are taught by a highly qualified and well-paid adult.

When we've spent that dollar on these kinds of early learning and childcare practices, it has resulted in far more healthy and engaged students and parents, resulting in not having to spend that seven dollars later on prisons and social services.

Our last meeting speaker of this school year is Ted Lempert, a giant of advocacy for high quality preschool and childcare. His organization, Children Now, brings this message home very effectively by "grading" counties via their "Report Card." As an old African proverb asks: "How are the children doing?" We want to be able to say "the children are doing all right."

SCCSBA Calendar of Events and Activities for January-June 2019

Wednesday, March 27, 2019 - SCCSBA Monthly Meeting at SCCOE, 7:30-9:00 p.m. (Topic: Early Learning featuring Guest Speaker Ted Lempert, Children Now)

Wednesday, April 24, 2019 - SCCSBA Hoffmann Awards Dinner, Barrel 19 Bistro, 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 22, 2019 - SCCSBA Passing the Gavel Dinner, Hong Fu Restaurant, 6:00-8:00 p.m.



SCCSBA Meeting March 27 Featured Guest Speaker: Ted Lempert, President of Children Now

Please join us for our SCCSBA meeting on Wednesday, March 27. Our guest speaker is President Ted Lempert of Children Now, a national research and advocacy organization in the Bay Area. The topic will be Early Learning, in addition to other areas of focus for Children Now.

Mr. Lempert was a California State Assemblymember 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 co-chair of the Joint Committee to Develop a Master Plan for Education. Mr. Lempert also served on the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors, where he was President of the Board in 1995.

The meeting will be held at the Santa Clara County Office of Education, Oak Grove Room (2nd floor, south building) from 7:30-9:00 p.m. We will also have our networking time for all trustees from 7:00-7:30 p.m.

Next SCCSBA Friday Lunch - April 5

Our next SCCSBA Friday Lunch will be held at **Country Gourmet** (1314 South Mary Avenue, Sunnyvale).

The lunch will run from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. All trustees are invited to attend. It's a great chance to network and share ideas.

Upcoming SCCSBA Friday Lunches:

Friday, May 3, 2019 - OPAI (276 E Campbell Ave, Campbell)

Friday, June 7, 2019 - Country Gourmet (1314 South Mary Avenue, Sunnyvale)



SCCSBA Hoffmann Awards Dinner - Wednesday, April 24

You are all cordially invited to our SCCSBA 35th Annual Hoffmann Awards Dinner, celebrating exemplary programs in schools and school districts across the county. The Awards Dinner will be held on Wednesday, April 24 from 6:00-9:00 p.m. at Barrel 19 Bistro and Bar in Sunnyvale. All trustees and superintendents are welcome to attend. A special thanks to our event sponsors: ENGIE Services, California Consulting, the Santa Clara and San Benito Counties Building and Construction Trades Council, and the Santa Clara County Office of Education.

To register, visit this link: <https://2019hoffmandinner.eventbrite.com>

The 2019 Hoffmann Award winners are: (in alphabetical order)

- East Side Alliance: A Collaborative Effort of the Alum Rock Union School District, Berryessa Union School District, East Side Union High School District, Evergreen School District, Franklin-McKinley School District, Mount Pleasant School District, Oak Grove School District, and Orchard School District
- Media Arts Program, Saratoga High School, Los Gatos-Saratoga Union High School District
- Ocala STEAM Academy, Alum Rock Union School District
- Palo Alto Career Training, Henry M. Gunn and Palo Alto High School, Palo Alto Unified School District

The awards honor Glenn W. Hoffmann, who served as the Santa Clara County Superintendent from 1967-1984. One of our award winners will also receive the Kristi Porter Outstanding Program Award, named after a late board member of the Oak Grove School District and past president of SCCSBA.



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CSBA Spotlight (<https://csba.org>)

Charter School Transparency Bill Signed

In a decision that validated years of CSBA advocacy on the issue of charter school transparency, Gov. Gavin Newsom signed Senate Bill 126 (Leyva and O'Donnell) into law on March 5. The CSBA-supported legislation echoes many of the recommendations found in CSBA's Charter School Task Force report, *Uncharted Waters: Recommendations for Prioritizing Student Achievement and*

Effective Governance in California's Charter Schools. SB 126 states that charter schools and entities managing charter schools will be subject to transparency, accountability and conflict...

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Interdistrict Transfers

Wide-ranging changes took effect on Jan. 1, 2019, regarding the law governing the procedures for student transfers from one school district to another – known as “interdistrict transfers.” Some of the changes made by Assembly Bill 2826 simply streamline and/or clarify existing requirements, but others are new and quite significant. Below are details of some, but not all, of the major changes. Significant changes: Perhaps the most significant changes of AB 2826 are those related to the new requirement that...

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Santa Clara County Office of Education Spotlight

5th Annual NorCal PBIS School Climate Symposium

Milton Reynolds, Bay Area-based career educator and equity and inclusion consultant and activist, will present a keynote address at the 5th Annual NorCal PBIS School Climate Symposium on Monday, April 29 at the Santa Clara County Office of Education. Reynolds will be joined by DeVone Boggan. Boggan is the founder of Advance Peace and a national authority on urban gun violence prevention and intervention and Dr. Ammar Saheli a behavior health expert with a psycho-educational and psycho-social approach.

This two-day event will feature workshops on equity, positive behavior intervention and support systems, multi-tiered systems of support, ACES and trauma informed care, restorative practices, addressing chronic absenteeism, and more.

For more information contact [Brenda Arroyo](mailto:Brenda.Arroyo@scjcs.org) at (408) 453-6504. To register visit: <https://santaclara.k12oms.org/eventdetail.php?gid=1549&id=161568>

District Highlights

San Jose Unified School District

SJUSD's Grant Elementary School Hosts Santa Clara County Judges During Read Across America Event

On Friday, March 1, 2019, twentytwo judicial officers from the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara volunteered their time to celebrate National Read Across America Day with the staff and students at SJUSD's Grant Elementary School. Judges read stories that were either written by Dr. Seuss, celebrated Black History Month, or gave a child's perspective into the court system. The Judges personally selected and purchased the books that were read and later donated to the school. According to Judge Julia Alloggiamento, "This is the judges' favorite outreach event of the year. We get to interact with smiling faces and show them judges are people too. At the same time, we hope to impress upon the young students the importance of reading and education."



Sunnyvale School District

Sunnyvale School District featured in a report from National Commission on Social, Emotional, and Academic Development

Sunnyvale School District's hard work to support the whole student is included as an exemplary approach to supporting students' social, emotional, and academic development in a report released by the

Aspen Institute National Commission on Social, Emotional, and Academic Development.

The Aspen Institute's "From a Nation at Risk to a Nation at Hope" asserts that our nation is at a turning point, understanding that social, emotional, and cognitive development underpins children's academic learning. This breakthrough understanding about how people learn is fueling a growing movement to educate children as whole people, with social and emotional as well as academic needs, the report says.

Sunnyvale School District has included a social-emotional learning component in every classroom, in every school in the district. Social-emotional learning curricula generally aim to help children develop competency in five core areas: self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationship management, and responsible decision-making. Sunnyvale School District uses materials provided through the California Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) Technical Assistance Center, and partners with Project Cornerstone, the Center for Reaching and Teaching the Whole Child at San Jose State University, and Acknowledge Alliance to provide the quality instruction and interventions for our students, teachers, and staff.

East Side Union High School District

ESUHSD administered the SAT exam to approximately 5500 of our juniors in early March. A college applicant must take the SAT or ACT in order to be accepted into most colleges and universities. Most students take this exam on a Saturday, but ESUHSD provided this exam for free to all of our juniors during the school day.

As ESUHSD builds equitable communities, it means that we set high expectations for all students and provide access to opportunities that help meet the goal of making our students' college and career ready. It was a major win for our students and their future success!

Watch NBC Segment: <https://www.nbcbayarea.com/news/local/East-Side-Union-High-School-District-Pays-for-Students-SAT-Exams-506896581.html>

Milpitas Unified School District

Calaveras Hills High School named Model Continuation High School for 2019

Calaveras Hills High School was named one of 31 continuation high schools in the state newly designated as a Model Continuation High School for 2019, according to a News Release that was issued by the California Department of Education on February 13. More than 51,000 students attended the state's 435 continuation high schools during the 2017-2018 school year.

"These schools have created exemplary programs and strategies that provide students with a second chance at academic success," State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond stated in the release. "The commitment demonstrated by the teachers and administrative staff, combined with a culture of caring that focuses on the emotional and education needs of the unique populations they serve, are what make these continuation high schools the best examples of how to help kids strive and reach their full potential."

Read the full Press Release [online here](#).

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