



## SCCSBA May 2018 Newsletter

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### President's Message - by Jodi Muirhead

#### Social Justice

Where does social justice lead us? As our school districts, counties, states and our nation look at equity in a new lens, what is needed? As school district leaders, we talk about equity within our schools. We need to be sure we are providing an education that is appropriate for every learner in our schools based on where they are at. We need to develop budgets that reflect our values that support all students. All of our students have gifts, talents that will allow them to reach their full potential at what they want to accomplish in their lives. With limited resources, each school district works hard to hire excellent teachers and provide services. But where are we as a bigger unit? What can our County Office of Education do to improve teacher collaboration and development? What is our County government doing for the families in our communities to make sure they have adequate affordable housing, available fresh food, and transportation opportunities? Many of these same families are our teachers, cafeteria workers, custodians, school nurses and other district employees who are finding it harder and harder to afford to live in the area due to increasing costs.

What is the state doing to work toward full funding of education, especially in a high cost area such as Santa Clara County? Our Governor is claiming full funding of the LCFF, but it is funding compared to years ago. Our houses don't cost the same as they did 10 years ago. Why would the state legislators think that we can educate our students at that same rate?

### Save the Dates for SCCSBA Meetings and Events for 2018

Wednesday, May 23, 2018 - SCCSBA Officers' Reorganization Dinner, Hong Fu Restaurant, 6:30-8 p.m.

Saturday, June 16, 2018 - Candidates' Workshop, 9:00-11:00 a.m., Cupertino Room, Santa Clara County Office of Education. All School Board Candidates are invited to attend.

### Candidates' Workshop - Saturday, June 16

Are you interested in learning about running for school board this November? Our Santa Clara County School Boards Association is hosting an informative forum on this topic on **Saturday, June 16, from**

9:00-11:00 a.m. at the Santa Clara County Office of Education (Cupertino Room).

We'll have information from the Registrar of Voters with the nuts and bolts about the paperwork required to run for school board. Another highlight is our panel of experienced board members from around the county describing what it's like to run for school board in their school district. Coffee and bagels will be provided. We hope to see you there! Contact Bonnie Mace for more information ([execdirector@sccsba.org](mailto:execdirector@sccsba.org)).

Please spread the word to any potential school board candidates about this very useful workshop. This workshop is appropriate for new or returning school board members who are running for office in November.

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## Next SCCSBA Networking Lunch - Friday, June 1

Our next Networking Lunch will be held on **Friday, June 1 - Country Gourmet (1314 S. Mary Avenue, Sunnyvale)**.

This is our final lunch of the 2017-18 school year. Our next lunch will be held on Friday, September 7. Stay tuned for more info.



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## From the Desk of CSBA

### Budget news

In his 2018-19 budget revision, released May 11, Gov. Jerry Brown upheld his January investment in the Local Control Funding Formula, increasing to approximately \$3.3 billion the amount put into LCFF to hit the funding targets (set in 2013) two years ahead of schedule. The May Revision aligns with Governor's overall cautious approach and, consistent with recent budgets, generally shies away from adding ongoing spending.

The 2018-19 Proposition 98 guarantee comes in at \$78.4 billion, up \$68 million from the January proposal and \$3.9 billion over the 2017-18 enacted budget. Approximately \$3.3 billion will go to LCFF, with \$320 million added to the Governor's \$3 billion January proposal, and nearly \$2.1 billion is available for one-time discretionary funding. The Legislature will finalize its agreed-upon budget by June 15 and send it to Gov. Brown, who will have until July 1 to sign it.

CSBA is cosponsoring Assembly Bill 2808 (Muratsuchi, D-Torrance), a 2018 bill which would significantly increase the level of the LCFF base grants moving forward.

### Key bills

In addition to AB 2808, CSBA is sponsoring or cosponsoring seven additional bills in 2018, with the most recent addition to the bill package being Senate Constitutional Amendment 22 (Ben Allen, D-Santa Monica). SCA 22 would amend the California Constitution to allow school district parcel taxes to pass with 55 percent of local voters approving, rather than the current two-thirds requirement. There is a trio of bills currently active in the Legislature related to the construction of accessory dwelling units, also sometimes known as "in-law units" or "granny flats." Senate Bill 831 (Weickowski, D-Fremont) and SB 1469 (Skinner, D-Berkeley), as originally drafted, would both prohibit school districts from charging school impact fees of any amount for the construction of ADUs. With amendments recently made to both bills, neither bill would prohibit school impact fees from being charged, but would set a cap on such fees at \$3,000 per ADU — an amount that would fall short of a Level I developer fee. CSBA remains opposed to SB 831 and SB 1469, as both would significantly reduce an important source of revenue which school districts rely on to meet their facilities needs. A third ADU bill, AB 2890 (Ting), was identical in language to SB 1469 when first introduced. However, AB 2890 was recently significantly amended to remove references to or effect on school impact fees. As the current version of the bill does not impact public schools, CSBA's position on AB 2890 is now "neutral." All three bills have been referred to Appropriations committees.

Appropriations committees in both houses will hear their suspense files in late May, determining which key fiscal bills will move forward in 2018.

A summary of CSBA's 2018 sponsored bill package, CSBA positions on 2018 legislation and other information is available online at [www.csba.org/legislativenews](http://www.csba.org/legislativenews).

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## Santa Clara County Office of Education Spotlight

The Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE) is proud to reveal the 2018 Artspiration Principal Arts Leadership Award winners.

This award is given to exceptional school leaders who have shown outstanding support and leadership for Arts Education in Santa Clara County. This year two accomplished education leaders will be recognized at the Young Artists Showcase Celebration on Tuesday, May 22 at 4:30 p.m. at the SCCOE.

Read more: <https://www.sccoe.org/news/NR/Pages/2018-Principal-Arts-Award-Winners-named.aspx>



### District Highlights

#### MetroED

#### **SVCTE Students Win 13 Medals at SkillsUSA State Competition, 5 Advance to Nationals**

Silicon Valley Career Technical Education students won five gold medals, five silver medals, and three bronze medals during the SkillsUSA California 51st Annual State Leadership and Skill Conference. SVCTE sent 38 students to the state competition on April 19-22 in Ontario, CA. SkillsUSA state gold medalists are eligible to participate in the 54th Annual National Leadership and Skills Conference on June 25-29 in Louisville, Kentucky.

An expected 7,000 competitors will be tested in more than 100 leadership and hands-on occupational skills contests, the majority of which are STEM-focused. Events are as diverse as Humanoid Robotics, Automated Manufacturing Technology, Carpentry, Graphic Communications, Mobile Electronics Installation, Information Technology Services and Medical Assisting. [Read the full article on our website.](#)



#### Evergreen School District

We couldn't be more proud to announce that Evergreen School District has been named a California Exemplary District by the California Department of Education. The great work of our classified staff, our teachers and our administrators is at the heart of what makes this a great District and we share this distinction with each and every one of them. We're proud of the work we do and it's a nice shot in the arm to be recognized as such.

We're also thrilled to announce that two of our schools - Carolyn Clark and Matsumoto - have been recognized as California Distinguished Schools for 2018. Congratulations to everyone at both schools for all their hard work being recognized!



#### Berryessa Union School District

#### **Piedmont Middle School Students Awarded at Synopsys Science Fair**

Berryessa Union School District has made great strides in implementing the Next Generation Science Standards. Students have multiple opportunities to display their inquiry and investigative skills. We are so proud of our Piedmont Middle School students who participated in the Santa Clara Valley Science and Engineering Fair on March 15, 2018. Four of the fourteen participants received recognition. Congratulations to:

- Conducting Robot – Amy Ton Nu – Second Place, Physical Science and Engineering
- Home Automation – Harjot Singh – Second Place, Physical Science and Engineering
- Bicycle Generator – Dat Truong and Khanh Nguyen – Honorable Mention, Physical Science and Engineering
- Redesigned Laundry Hamper – Kyle Bermillo and Kris Lalas – Honorable Mention, Physical Science and Engineering



## Moreland School District

### Moreland Middle School Musicians Sweep Local Music Festivals

All 3 of Moreland's middle school music groups were awarded 1st Place at their recent music competitions. In March, Moreland Middle School's (MMS) Symphonic Band and Orchestra earned 'Unanimous Superior' rating at the California Music Educators Association (CMEA) Bay Section South Band & Orchestra Festival. In April, Easterbrook Discovery Middle School (EDMS) and Latimer Middle School bands each earned first place in their respective categories at the Music in the Parks festival, Latimer' first year competing.

In addition, individual students were selected for solo performances. Felipe Feldman, 7th grade student from EDMS, was singled out as the best middle school jazz soloist of the day at the Music in the Parks festival; and 8th grade MMS student, Aniket Mahajan, earned the rating of Command Performance at the CMEA festival, which qualified him to perform at the California State Solo and Ensemble Festival.



## East Side Union High School District

### ESUHSD Students Secured 1st & 2nd Place in the NFTE Competition

More than 200 high school students from the South Bay competed in the Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship (NFTE) Annual South Bay Regional Semi-Finals. Students brought their best business ideas and two East Side Union High School District students managed to stand above the rest.

Oak Grove High School's junior, Jalen Butcher, secured 1st place with his Kinetic Solar bike idea, Power Bikes, and Silver Creek High School's Ayana Cabading came in 2nd place with her delicious macaroon business, Sweet n' Petite. The students still have one more round of competitions at the NFTE Bay Area Regional Business Plan Competition in San Francisco in June and will be competing for the ultimate opportunity to participate in the national finals in New York and compete for \$25,000 in seed money for their business.

This day-long event brought together local business leaders, San Jose Mayor Sam Liccardo, our Superintendent Chris Funk and our Associate Superintendent Glenn VanderZee.

NFTE is a dynamic program that supports teachers and students in learning and applying the entrepreneurial mindset in their classrooms.



## Milpitas Unified School District

### Camp Everytown allows students to heal, grow

Before Camp Everytown, Milpitas High School junior Eigen Edward Gacho was full of negativity and traumatic experiences. But attending the four-day residential, intensive leadership development program based on core values - respect, acceptance, and responsibility - allowed him to not only open up in a way he never has before but share his experiences about being bullied, and truly heal and grow. Gacho was one of 44 Milpitas High School and Calaveras Hills High School students, accompanied by six staff members, who headed up the hill March 28 to Camp Harmond in Boulder Creek.

“The tenets of the program are for those attending to be willing to openly share their prejudices, views and beliefs surrounding race, religion, social position, gender, religion, culture, law enforcement,” said MHS Assistant Principal Cheryl Rivera, who has attended the camp since approximately 1999. “Those attending must be willing to ‘hear’ and ‘empathize’ with what’s being shared and discuss strategies to ameliorate bullying, sexism, and other campus concerns.”

Students participated in activities that identify opportunities, obstacles, and solutions to human relations issues specific to their school, according to Silicon Valley FACES, which runs the program. [Read the full story, with more photos, here.](#)

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