



SCCSBA May 2019 Newsletter

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President's Message - by Ellen Wheeler

Bringing forth May flowers

Some people cry at weddings. I cry at graduations. I can hear "Pomp and Circumstance" a million times and tear up every time. Once the students start their processions, smiling shyly or boldly, giggling or being solemn, some of them looking for their parents and friends in the audience and others markedly staring straight ahead, I feel honored to have played a major part in their prideful day. I think of past graduations so know what a major event they are in the lives of young people and their families.

We work as school board members because we want children to have the academic tools they need to succeed in their professional lives. We try to ensure that children are surrounded by teachers and staff who value their social and emotional lives. We try to make connections with agencies that offer food and medical, dental, and vision care so our students aren't hobbled by social forces beyond their control.

Then comes graduation. And then we hand off those happy children to another school system or job training program and hope that we have provided a strong enough foundation for them to succeed in their goals.

But at the graduation ceremony? I cry in happiness for these children and their families. In my heart I wish them the best and I know you do, too. Let's savor this time.

Next SCCSBA Friday Lunch - June 7

Our next SCCSBA Friday Lunch will be held **June 7** 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. This will be our final lunch of the 2018-19 academic year. Our first lunch for the 2019-20 academic year will resume on **Friday, September 13, 2019**.

Passing the Gavel Dinner for Officers, CSBA Delegates and District



Elementary Co-Administrator of the Year: Jennifer Jasper, Assistant Principal, Blackford Elementary School

First Year Administrator Superstar: Marco Chavez, Principal, Sherman Oaks Dual Immersion School

2019 Woman of Inspiration: Dr. Shelly Viramontez, Superintendent, Campbell Union School District

Campbell Union School District educates more than 7,500 PreK-8 students from Campbell, Los Gatos, Monte Sereno, San Jose, Santa Clara, and Saratoga.



East Side Union High School District

ESUHSD Parents as Partners

ESUHSD is proud to offer our **Parents as Partners** 5-week series workshops. The series is offered in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese. **Parents as Partners** is designed to **support and strengthen parent and student relationships in order to support**

school success. The series and its weekly activities allow families to celebrate and share family traditions and culture.

Below are the objectives for each week:

- **Week 1:** Build community, introduction to the **Parents as Partners** program, review current academic status, review behavior policy, review school-wide services & credit recovery programs.
- **Week 2:** Open lines of communication, discuss family values, family/cultural pride.
- **Week 3:** Introduce the 41 essential assets believed to fortify high functioning, successful young people through parent and community awareness and support.
- **Week 4:** Provide parents a clear understanding of how attendance impacts a student's academic progress, mandatory school attendance laws, and the functions of the truancy abatement.
- **Week 5:** Review of series, develop an Academic Action Plan, Participant Recognition Dinner.

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