



SCCSBA May 2022 Newsletter

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President's Message - by Fiona Walter

Hi, All,

Happy May! It's so fun to be back in person for so many of our year-end events. I can't wait for (mostly) normal graduations!

Thank you all for joining us last week at the Hoffmann Awards dinner. We had almost 120 people at the event and it was great to honor our outstanding Santa Clara County programs in person. Special thanks to Carol Presunka (Cambrian), Hoffmann Awards Chair and Bridget Watson (Sunnyvale), Dinner Chair for a beautiful event. Thanks also go to Bonnie Mace, our Executive Director, for all the behind-the-scenes work – event sign up, order of go, historian, and of course name tags. Finally, if you are ever at the County Office of Education, please be sure to find Lindsey Wong to thank him for the amazing program videos.

Delegate Assembly is this coming weekend. This is an opportunity for our 12 delegates plus Regional Director Devon Conley (MVWSD) to carry our SCC ideas and concerns forward to the state level. I look forward to hearing the report out after this large gathering.

Four members of SCCSBA also attended the Coast2Coast advocacy trip in DC sponsored by CSBA and ACSA. Thank you to Bridget Watson (Sunnyvale), Isabel Jubes-Flamerich (Sunnyvale), Michelle Maginot (Sunnyvale), John Horner (Morgan Hill), and Albert Gonzalez (Santa Clara and CSBA VP) for representing our county in DC.

We had our last monthly meeting for the year with Dr. Dewan this past week. Watch for new dates in early fall once we've got them lined up. This monthly gathering has proved incredibly valuable and I am so grateful that Dr. Dewan is willing to continue it.

For those of you trying to track what other districts are doing around covid protocols this spring, I started a google doc here: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1zaVvgBjiZcNSEh6kj3M4FTmlGyBriavBGyjSAasorC8/edit#gid=0>. The fields are self-explanatory. Feel free to add extras if you are looking for a specific piece of info (or reach out to me or each other).

Wishing you all festive end of year activities with your families, students, and communities. Only a couple weeks left!

Cheers,
Fiona

June 11 School Board Candidate Workshop (In-Person)

School Board Candidates for the November General Election are invited to attend our June 11 SCCSBA Candidate Workshop.

Here is the link to register for this **In-Person** event: <http://2022candidateworkshop.eventbrite.com/>

This popular event will provide information from the Registrar of Voters and a panel of experienced school board members about how to run a successful school board campaign. This will be an in-person event at the Santa Clara County Office of Education from 9-11:30 AM, providing a networking opportunity in addition to learning about campaigning for school board. We encourage new and incumbent candidates to attend.

A special thanks to Chair Ellen Wheeler (Trustee, Mountain View Whisman School District) and Co-Chair Isabel Jubes-Flamerich (Trustee, Sunnyvale School District) for organizing this event.

CALENDAR OF SCCSBA EVENTS/MEETINGS FOR 2022

Wednesday, May 25, 2022 at 6:30-8:00 p.m. In-Person Annual "Passing the Gavel" Dinner for Officers, Delegates and District Representatives

Saturday, June 11, 2022 at 9:00-11:30 a.m. In-Person Candidate Workshop at SCCOE



Successful CSBA Coast2Coast Trip to D.C.

CSBA Coast 2 Coast Trip- In April, members from across the State traveled to our nation's capital for a week of congressional and executive branch advocacy! The Region 20 delegation included CSBA VP Albert Gonzalez (Santa Clara Unified), Region 20 Delegate and incoming SCCSBA President Bridget Watson, Michelle Maignot, Isabel Jules-Flamerich (Sunnyvale), and John Horner (Morgan Hill). Attached is a photo of our delegation with Congressman Ro Khanna (D-Silicon Valley) and counterparts from Fremont! CSBA hopes to hold this event next year, and stay tuned to www.csba.org for more information.



Congratulations to the five Hoffmann Awards Winners for 2022!

Congratulations to all the winners of this year's Hoffmann Awards. We celebrated the five winners at our recent Hoffmann Awards Dinner, graciously sponsored by Engie Services with videos from the Communications Office at the Santa Clara County Office of Education. Our winners in alphabetical order by district are:

Middle School Mental Health Movement, Price Middle School, Cambrian School District

Family Engagement Institute, Campbell Union School District / Family Engagement Institute at Foothill College

Mountain View High School Ambassadors, Mountain View High School, Mountain View Los Altos High School District

Autism Program, Parkview Elementary School, Oak Grove School District

Service to Other - Creativity Cart Program, Palo Alto Unified School District

Thanks to Bridget Watson (Sunnyvale School District) and Carol Presunka (Cambrian School District) for being Chairs of the Dinner and Awards this year.





From Our CSBA Regional Representative Marty Fatooh

Trustees and Superintendents,

Congratulations on a productive school year 2021-22 and it was great seeing so many of you at the Hoffmann Awards last week! Although this year has been yet another challenge in this brave new world, we have once again seen our elected school board members, superintendents, teachers, support staff, and parents rise to the occasion, creating safe and inclusive learning environments for kids throughout the County. As we head into the Summer, I wanted to again thank outgoing SCCSBA President and CSBA Regional Delegate, Fiona Walter for her decades of service to the students of Mountain View, our county, and state as a whole! I look forward to working in close partnership with our new County Association President, Bridget Watson (also a CSBA Delegate), officers, and the general membership as a whole. If you are interested in becoming more involved in local CSBA affairs next year, please feel free to reach out!

Thank you to those who will join us Monday evening for our annual member meeting with Santa Clara, SF and San Mateo counties! I hope that you find resources and information from our Legislative and Trainings departments to be helpful as well as our guest speaker, Senator Cortese! If you have any additional questions for CSBA's respective departments or Sen. Cortese, please feel free to send them my way and I will get you connected with the appropriate contacts.

May Revise- This past Friday, Governor Newsom released his May budget revise and experts are projecting that K-12 and community colleges will be receiving a record \$128 billion dollars in funding. This is over twenty billion more than Newsom had proposed a few months ago and \$35 billion additionally in one time funds. Following the Gov's announcement, CSBA hosted a webinar breaking down what these numbers truly mean for LEA's. Once uploaded to our Youtube channel, I will share the link to view if you missed the livecast. If you would like additional information on the May Revise Chris Reeve (CSBA Leg Director) provides on Monday, please let me know.

Delegate Assembly- This weekend, the Delegate Assembly will convene their Spring 2022 meeting at a hotel in Sacramento. If you have any questions regarding the event or becoming a CSBA Regional Delegate, please contact Regional Director Devon Conley.

Budget Perspectives Workshops- Join CSBA partner Capital Advisors at an upcoming Budget Perspectives Workshop, either in person or virtually. In person workshops available this week at both SCCOE and SMCOE. (<https://budgetperspectivesworksho.regfox.com/may-revision-workshop-2022>)

I look forward to working with you throughout the Summer as we head into the next school year and thank you for your service!

From the CSBA Blog (csba.org)

CSBA-sponsored home-to-school transportation bill passes out of Assembly Education Committee in unanimous, bipartisan vote

California is missing the bus on home-to-school transportation and failing its students in the process. Home-to-school transportation supports students and families through increased convenience, enhanced safety, higher attendance rates, reduced traffic and smaller carbon footprints. Yet, on a per capita basis, California has the fewest students riding school buses of any state in the nation.

The Assembly Education Committee took a step toward changing this dismal reality and improving student outcomes when it passed [Assembly Bill 2933](#) (O'Donnell, D-Long Beach) on April 27. The 7-0 vote was unanimous and bipartisan.

"Every moment our students spend in the classroom is critical to making up the learning lost during the last two years of the COVID-19 pandemic," said CSBA President Dr. Susan Heredia. "I'm excited to see the Assembly Education Committee pass AB 2933 and I hope the Assembly Appropriations Committee follows suit because AB 2933 is the smart solution for getting California students to school every day, on time and ready to learn. This proposal would provide local educational agencies with the necessary resources and flexibility for home-to-school transportation without the risk of diverting funds from other essential student programs."

Nationwide, about half of all school-age children ride a school bus, but in California, just one in 10 students takes a bus to school. Incredibly, California does not offer schools a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) to pay for the rising costs of providing busing. Instead, state funding is locked in at 1980s levels. Constantly rising expenses for home-to-school transportation and no COLA mean that, to maintain a busing program, school districts and county offices of education would have to take money away from other important student services.

LEAs would readily expand home-to-school transportation if the state paid for the real costs. There is ample incentive, as widespread school busing would increase attendance, making it easier to achieve academic goals for students. Instead, the state has refused to do what's necessary to ensure that students have a safe, reliable means to reach school every day.

As a result, California is one of the few states that doesn't provide busing for all students. Most of the state's LEAs offer busing strictly for students in special education programs, as required under federal law. And even for these students, existing state funding is far less than what is required to pay for a busing program. California typically reimburses schools for less than 30 percent of home-to-school transportation costs, with many districts receiving less than 10 cents on the dollar.

AB 2933 would change the woeful status quo and establish the foundation for universal access to home-to-school transportation. AB 2933 would reimburse schools for 100 percent of approved transportation costs and recognize enrollment trends and population shifts while providing an ongoing COLA. It would also cover the addition of grades like transitional kindergarten, and for programmatic changes that require new routes and more buses like later school start times and expanded before- and after-school programs.

Given the substantial barriers in place, it's easy to see why most school districts don't offer widespread home-to-school transportation services. But it doesn't have to remain that way. More than half of California public school students reach school through some means other than personal automobiles — a group that is primed to use school buses if they become broadly available. AB 2933 would support schools and society by reversing 40 years of disinvestment that has made it harder for students to get to school. It's time legislators stop missing the bus on home-to-school transportation and vote yes on AB 2933.

CSBA-sponsored election legislation also moves forward

Two bills focused on elections and sponsored by CSBA passed out of key policy committees April 27, [Assembly Bill 2584](#) (Berman, D-Palo Alto) and [Senate Bill 1061](#) (Laird, D-Santa Cruz).

AB 2584 focuses on recall reform and would help ensure information provided to voters by recall proponents and election officials meets standards for accuracy and truthfulness. It also provides districts more flexibility in combining the recall election with a statewide or local election. SB 1061 would update the voter signature requirements, petition information and the timing of a special election for a voter-driven effort to remove a provisional appointment and fill a vacancy on school district governing boards. Both bills would require petitions to show the total estimated election costs and the costs expressed on a per-student basis.

AB 2584 was approved by the Assembly Elections Committee on a 5-1 vote and the Senate Elections Committee approved SB 1061 with a 4-1 vote.

All three CSBA co-sponsored bills now head to the appropriations committees to review their fiscal impact, with AB 2933 and AB 2584 moving to the Assembly Appropriations Committee and SB 1061 heading to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Santa Clara County Office of Education Spotlight

Local Districts and Schools Spotlited for Innovative Practices to Support Students During Distance Learning

The California Department of Education (CDE) announced the schools and districts that have been named as winners of the 2022 California Pivotal Practice (CAPP) Award Program. This program from the CDE highlights school and district practices that supported students during the 2020-21 academic year when distance learning was in effect.

Of the 727 schools and 121 districts awarded, 12 schools and nine districts from Santa Clara County were among the CAPP winners announced by State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Tony Thurmond, on April 26. Those awarded demonstrated efforts to support students in four areas: student engagement, distribution of technology, nutrition services, and students' social-emotional well-being. The 12 schools from Santa Clara County included Sherman Oaks Elementary, Evergreen Valley High, Union Middle, Dr. TJ Owens Gilroy Early College Academy, Sunrise Middle, Rocketship Academy Brilliant Minds, Rocketship Alma Academy, Rocketship Discovery Prep, Rocketship Los Suenos Academy, Rocketship Mateo Sheedy Elementary, Rocketship Rising Stars, and Rocketship Si Se Puede Academy.

The nine districts recognized were Berryessa Union School District, Campbell Union High School District, Campbell Union School District, Gilroy Unified School District, Los Altos School District, Luther Burbank School District, Milpitas Unified School District, Mountain View Whisman School District, and Saratoga Union School District.

"The district and school teams' creative thinking, design, and implementation are inspiring and a testament to their dedication to student success," said County Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Mary Ann Dewan. "Their actions, such as providing meals, distributing laptops and hotspots, and creating safe spaces to access mental health resources, supported students during a challenging time."

The CAPP Award Program takes the place of the California Distinguished Schools Program for 2022. In 2023 the California Distinguished Schools Program will resume. More details about the CAPP Program can be found at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/sr/pp/>

School District Highlights



Morgan Hill Unified School District

The MHUSD Student Nutrition Department is fully committed to sourcing and serving organic food. Our Director of Student Nutrition, Michael Jochner, is currently sourcing local/organic produce from three farms: JSM, Live Earth Farms, Spinaca Farms. Our primary produce vendor, Daylight Foods, has worked with the district to provide a produce list for our school sites to order from completely sourced from organic farmers. This means all produce served by our Student Nutrition Department is now 100% organic. We've also begun to purchase poultry products from Mary's Chickens/Pittman Farms which are 100% organic/non-GMO. We are looking at organic milk from Strauss Family Farms for the next school year. Eventually, our goal is to purchase organic food items for all entrees and snacks.

Berryessa Union School District

BUSD Recognized for Innovation and Exceptional Work During Distance Learning

We are happy to share that our district has been recognized by the California Department of Education for innovative and exceptional work during distance learning for the 2020-2021 school year.

Congratulations BUSD
Recipient of the 2022 CA
Pivotal Practice Program



The Berryessa Union School District is proud of this honor, as the District came together and overcame the fears and uncertainty surrounding COVID, to ensure that our students and families had the support they needed during that time. Our Distance Learning program was comprehensive, with a strong academic foundation, parent resources, technology tools, food services support and more.

This award recognizes the efforts of the entire community-- administration, teachers, support staff, and parents-- throughout this pandemic. It took all of us to ensure student success and support.



MetroED

SVCTE Students Win 14 Medals at SkillsUSA State Competition

On April 21-24, 36 Silicon Valley Career Technical (SVCTE) students participated in the SkillsUSA 55th Annual State Leadership and Skill Conference. Fourteen students medaled in their category. The six gold medalists are eligible to move on to the National Leadership and Skills

Conference on June 20-24 in Nashville, TN. Read more:<https://bit.ly/3Pc4TDN>



Cambrian School District

We are thrilled to announce Cambrian School District's Employees of the Year! We are so grateful for the extraordinary contributions of all of our staff members but want to recognize the following two outstanding individuals.

CERTIFICATED EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR: STACEY BIBO

Congratulations to Stacey Bibo from Price Middle School (seen in photo with Superintendent Kristi Schwiebert (left) and Principal Natalie Gioco (right)).

CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR: MARIA HARPER

Congratulations to Maria Harper from Fammatre Elementary School (seen with Fammatre Principal Samantha Haley (left) and Superintendent Schwiebert (right)).



Milpitas Unified School District

Quartet of MUSD Administrators Recognized as 2022 ACSA Region 8 Administrators of Year

Burnett Elementary School Principal Hanna Asrat, Milpitas High School Assistant Principal Skyler Draeger, Calaveras Hills High School Principal Carl Stice and Assistant Superintendent of Human

Relations Jonathon Brunson were selected as 2022 Administrators of the Year by the Region 8 Association of California School Administrators.

Asrat was named the 2022 Elementary Principal of the Year; Draeger was selected as the Secondary Co-Administrator of the Year; Stice was chosen for Continuation/Ed Options Administrator of the Year; and Brunson was honored with the Marcus Foster Memorial Award.

"Congratulations to our administrators who are well-deserving of this exceptional honor," said MUSD Superintendent Cheryl Jordan. "These leaders have been integral in supporting our MUSD learners, team members and school communities. Particularly as they demonstrated resilience and innovative thinking

throughout these last two years.”

Sunnyvale School District

Sunnyvale School District recognized for its bilingual/multilingual learner advocacy

With April being National Bilingual/Multilingual Learner Advocacy Month, the Santa Clara County Office of Education gave special recognition to the Sunnyvale School District for its following initiatives:

- California English Learner Roadmap
- Pathway to Biliteracy or Seal of Biliteracy Awards
- My Name, My Identity

The Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE) recognized Sunnyvale School District (SSD) for its continued leadership and commitment to supporting bilingual/multilingual learners through the implementation of a Pathway to Biliteracy and/or Seal of Biliteracy award recognizing students' achievement in attaining bilingual/multilingual skills.

SCCOE also recognized SSD for its continued leadership in building a culture of respect for diversity in its school community through recognizing the value of respecting students' names and identities through the adoption of the My Name, My Identity Initiative and by establishing a model of respect to prepare students to be effective in communicating with others from different linguistic and cultural backgrounds.

California State Assemblymember Alex Lee also recognized the Sunnyvale School District for its work advocating for bilingual and multilingual learners with special appreciation for its work honoring students with the Pathway and Biliteracy Awards and adopting a resolution supporting the My Name, My Identity Initiative.

To learn more about My Name, My Identity visit: <https://www.mynamemyidentity.org/>.

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