

SCCSBA September 2022 Newsletter

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President's Message - Bridget Watson

September is flying by, with the final rounds of *Back to School Nights* and *Welcome Back* events there is so much hope, excitement, and promise in the air. There is also a pulse of determination we can feel in classrooms and in hallways, in staff rooms on quads - an added awareness that the lift in the year ahead will be challenging in new ways. The teams at the schools I've seen appear prepared, inspired, and deeply motivated to do the work, and the work has already begun. Relationships are being forged, trust is being earned - with grit, stamina, creativity, imagination, and humor - and the exploration of content begins.

For all of our boards, there are complex, interesting problems to solve and initiatives to develop with many possible outcomes that deeply impact our community. I appreciate that within this organization we can support one another and learn from each other for the thoughtful, engaging work ahead of us in the coming year.

Please join us Wednesday Sept 28th for our first Association Meeting of the year (more information below). We will continue to meet on zoom for our Monthly Association meetings this year, but we have several in-person events coming up, including our first *First Friday* lunch of the year (10/7) and our Fall Dinner (10/26). Watch for an Eventbrite invitation from Exec Director Bonnie Mace in the coming weeks for the Fall Dinner, which will be held at Michael's at Shoreline. Special thanks to VP Wendi Sullivan for all the coordination with the venue's team! We look forward to seeing you at this special event!

September 28 SCCSBA Evening Zoom Meeting

Please join us Sept 28th for our first evening Zoom meeting of the year, featuring a panel of superintendents discussing "**Creating Positive District Culture.**" We will also introduce this year's event chairs, vote on the 2022-23 budget and bylaws revisions, vote on endorsing Parcel Tax and Bond Measure Resolutions for the November 2022 ballot, and provide updates from Dr. Dewan, our Legislative Action Committee, our CSBA Region 20 Director Devon Conley, and our CSBA PACER Marty Fatooh. Looking forward to seeing you all there!

October 6 SCCSBA Zoom with County Superintendent Dr. Dewan

We are continuing our monthly Zoom meetings with County Superintendent Dewan. She will provide updates on happenings in the County, and trustees will have plenty of opportunities to ask questions.

The next Zoom meeting will be held on **Thursday, October 6 from 2:00-3:00 PM**. Look for the calendar invitation and Zoom link from Executive Director Bonnie Mace. We hope to see you there!

October 7 Friday Lunch at OPA! Campbell

Back by popular demand, we are restarting our Friday Lunches at outdoor restaurant patios throughout the school year. Our first lunch will be on **Friday, October 7 from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM at OPA! Restaurant in Campbell** (276 E Campbell Ave). All lunches will be outdoors and you pay for your own meal. This is a fun way to network with other trustees. The other lunches will be held on November 4, March 3, April 14, and May 5 at locations to be determined.



October 26 - SCCSBA Fall Dinner

Online registration is now open for our in-person SCCSBA Fall Dinner. Here is the link to register: <http://sccsbafalldinner2022.eventbrite.com/>

The Fall Dinner will be held at Michaels Restaurant at Shoreline from 6:00-9:00 PM. All Superintendents and Trustees are invited to attend. We will be celebrating new Superintendents and Trustees as well as those who are retiring this year.

A special thanks to **Sectaris Partners** and **TBWBH Props and Measures** for sponsoring this year's Fall Dinner.

Our special featured topic for the Fall Dinner will be *Empowering Student Leadership* with an emphasis on youth voice and mental health. Our speakers will be a youth panel presentation created by and composed of members of the County Office of Education's Student Wellness Advisory Group (SWAG).

This advisory group (consisting of students ages 14-21) represents and uplifts youth voices to shape the development of mental health services and support for students across the county. To do so, they leverage their diverse personal experiences and perspectives by advocating, destigmatizing, and collaborating for Youth Mental Health & Wellness needs. This group helped shape our State's mental health policy for youth with our California state legislature in the last budget cycle.

SCCSBA Legislative Action Committee Update

The LAC just finished its simplified, updated annual survey for all SCCSBA members to identify Region 20 legislative priorities. We encourage every trustee to respond! We would like your perspective and individual opinion as a trustee, not answering *officially* on behalf of your district. The survey will only take a few minutes of your time and will help our region a great deal. Look for the survey from Executive Director Bonnie Mace in your inbox soon or fill in the LAC 2022-23 SCCSBA Survey [here!](#) Please fill out the survey by October 10.

Calendar of SCCSBA Events/ Meetings for 2022-23 Theme: Envision, Encourage, Empower

Wednesday, September 28, 2022 (On Zoom)
SCCSBA Monthly Meeting, 7:30-9:00 PM
Topic: Cultivating Positive District Culture

October, 24, 2022 (In-Person)
SCCOE's Teacher Recognition Celebration
Campell Heritage Theatre

Wednesday, October 26, 2022 (In-Person)
SCCSBA Fall Dinner, 6:00-9:00 PM
Topic: Empowering Student Leadership
Michaels At Shoreline

Wednesday, November 16, 2022 (On Zoom)
SCCSBA Monthly Meeting, 7:30-9:00 PM
Topic: Supporting One Another in a Season of Joy and Stress

Thursday December 1 - Saturday December 3, 2022
CSBA Annual Education Conference in San Diego
SCCSBA Reception on Thursday, December 1, 6:00-7:30 PM

Wednesday, January 25, 2023 (On Zoom)
SCCSBA Monthly Meeting, 7:30-9:00 PM

Wednesday, February 22, 2023 (On Zoom)
SCCSBA Monthly Meeting, 7:30-9:00 PM
Topic: Serving the Diverse Needs of English Learners around the County

Saturday, February 25, 2023 (Either On Zoom or In-Person)
Annual SCCSBA Legislative Brunch, 9:00 AM to Noon

Wednesday, March 22, 2023 (On Zoom)
SCCSBA Monthly Meeting, 7:30-9:00 PM
Topic: Building Partnerships for Wrap Around Services

Wednesday, May 10, 2023 (In-Person)
Annual Hoffmann Awards Dinner, 6:00-9:00 PM
Michaels At Shoreline

Wednesday, May 24, 2023 (In-Person)
Annual Passing of the Gavel Dinner for Officers, Delegates, and District Reps, 6:30-8:00 PM
Location TBD

(In addition to the above events/meetings, we will also be holding periodic Zoom meetings with County Superintendent Dr. Mary Ann Dewan which will be publicized later.)



From Our CSBA Regional Representative Marty Fatooh

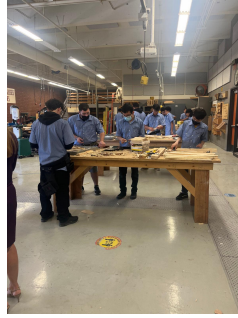
Trustees and Superintendents,

I hope everyone stayed fairly cool during this year's September Heat Wave in our Division! Over the past month, I have had the opportunity to meet with many of you both in person and virtually for annual fall check-ins, site visits, and coffee meetings! In late August, I was fortunate enough to be able to join trustees Katherine Tseng (LGSUHSD) and Brian Wheatley (SJUSD) (both Metro Ed Board Members) for a tour of the Metropolitan Education District Career Technical Education Campus! Superintendent Alyssa Lynch as well as Principal Jeff Arnett (Sunnyvale Trustee) have been working hand in hand with staff and pathway partners to create more opportunities for students to take part in CTE classes and real, hands on career experience! If you are not familiar with the MetroEd campus, I highly encourage you to take a tour and learn more about the countless pathway programs for high school students; from dental, to firefighting/EMS, and to automotive (including Electric Vehicles). These are only a few of the many programs offered where students get hands-on training from industry experienced instructors, with opportunities for certifications and partnerships with local businesses and government agencies alike such as Stevens Creek Subaru, SJFD, various dental and medical practices, and Walgreens to name a few! In the Bay Area and throughout the country, we are hearing about mass labor shortages in essential fields such as public safety, healthcare, education, and manufacturing; CTE programs can help fulfill labor shortages, all the while ensuring academic success and college readiness for students who may want to continue at a junior college or university. I have been asked to submit a column for this month's CSBA blog highlighting Region 20's CTE program at Metro Ed. Many thanks to Milpitas and Metro Ed Board Member Christopher Norwood for bringing CSBA and the CTE program together.

As I have mentioned through email communications and on the county call last week, we are awaiting Governor Newsom's signature or veto on a number of bills. Today, the governor signed AB 2273 which will require online platforms to consider the best interests of child users and to protect their mental health and well being. This is the first time we have seen such a law protecting children's online data and privacy. CSBA is currently tracking passed ed-related bills including AB 2874 (Berman) which we hope Newsom will sign in the coming hours and days. To get the most up to date list of bill signings and vetoes, I encourage you to monitor the [Governor's Press Room](#) which includes a tab on his latest actions. Thank you to everyone who joined me and CSBA in asking the Governor to veto SB 490 (Caballero), which will force your districts to accept bids from domestic agricultural producers and will also jeopardize the rollout of the Universal Free Meals program. I am proud to share that Region 20 had the second highest number of trustees to write the Governor of any region in our State!

I look forward to continued partnership with all of you, especially our County Association's Legislative Action Committee, which has been accepted to present on "Advocacy" at this year's Annual Education Conference. I am also excited to see everyone at the upcoming Fall Dinner in October, and please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or just want to check-in.

As always, thank you for your service.



From the CSBA Blog (csba.org)

California debuts free literacy platform focused on young learners

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond on Aug. 31 announced the California Bilingual Early Literacy Initiative, a \$27 million digital literacy partnership that will provide free bilingual early literacy assistance to California children and families through interactive eBooks, songs and games in English and Spanish. This digital literacy partnership is part of the California Department of Education's Statewide Literacy Campaign to help all California students arrive at school ready to learn and read proficiently by third grade.

The initiative is made possible by Footsteps2Brilliance, a preK through third grade literacy solution that utilizes mobile technology to connect school, home and the community for academic success. The organization already partners with many districts throughout the state.

"This will be a game-changer for the state of California, we have never offered this anywhere in the world," said Footsteps2Brilliance Vice President Gregory A. Spencer. "In addition, this will be a model for the nation. All 40 million residents of California will have free access to this platform. As an organization, we believe in one thing, and that is making sure our children are on a pathway to lifelong success. This is a preemptive strike against illiteracy before our children come to school."

Spencer explained that the gamification keeps young learners' attention longer and the materials are aligned with the explicit instruction on the science of reading. It also caters to diverse learning styles and is aligned to the linguistic research and the organization's seven strategies for English learner and emergent bilingual student success:

1. Integrate meaning making, language development and foundational skills: Reading instruction is about more than the mechanics of decoding words. The central purpose for interacting with text is making meaning.
2. Strengthen background knowledge: Research shows that the more a student knows about the topic of a text, the higher their comprehension.
3. Develop oral language: For ELs, oral language learning accelerates literacy acquisition, particularly when they develop oral language that is connected to and aligned with their reading and writing program.
4. Emphasize writing: All students, including ELs, need writing to help them learn about reading, and they need reading to help them learn about writing. Teaching ELs to be successful writers depends on quality instruction with appropriate scaffolding.
5. Connect to what students know: Biliteracy research finds that bilingual learners who recognize, understand and can articulate the differences and similarities between their languages reach higher levels of academic achievement and higher levels of language development in both languages.
6. Establish an assets-based orientation: Assets-oriented school climates and the use of culturally inclusive and relevant curriculum result in stronger academic outcomes, literacy engagement, and skills.
7. Assess and differentiate: Because second language literacy is built on the bedrock of first language skills and understanding, it is important to assess and monitor each English learners needs and progress.
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Spencer acknowledged Napa County Office of Education Superintendent Barbara Nemko as the first adopter of the Footsteps2Brilliance program, which she wrote about in CSBA's summer 2019 California Schools magazine.

The CDE is working to roll out and build on the investments of \$250 million in the 2021–22 state budget to fund literacy coaches and intensive literacy action plans in schools with low-income student populations and \$15 million in one-time Proposition 98 funding to help 6,000 educators receive reading and literacy

Santa Clara County Office of Education Spotlight

Notice of County Committee on School District Organization Election

The Santa Clara County Committee on School District Organization, the elected body responsible for school district organization and boundaries, will hold an election on November 15, 2022 to fill two seats. Voters in the election are the designated school board members of each school district in the county. County Committee members serve four-year terms. The primary responsibilities of the County Committee are the reorganization of school districts (through territory transfers and unification) and the establishment and rearrangement of governing board trustee areas in the school districts.

There are eleven seats on the County Committee – two from each of the five county supervisorial districts, and one at-large seat. This year, two seats are up for election, one each in Supervisorial Districts 2 and 4.

Any eligible person who would like to be considered as a candidate for appointment is invited to submit an application. Applicants must be registered voters and must reside within the Supervisorial District in which they wish to run. Supervisorial District 2 encompasses all or parts of the following school districts: Alum Rock Union Elementary, Evergreen, Franklin-McKinley, Oak Grove, and San Jose Unified. Supervisorial District 4 encompasses all or parts of the following school districts: Cambrian, Campbell Union, Cupertino Union, Luther Burbank, Moreland, San Jose Unified, Santa Clara Unified, and Union.

Applicants can verify residency in Supervisorial Districts 2 or 4 by calling the Santa Clara County Office of Education at (408) 453-6869.

School District Highlights



Cambrian School District

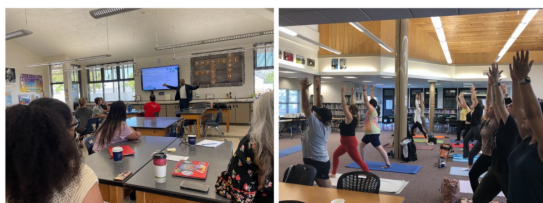
CAMBRIAN SCHOOL STAFF AND STUDENTS AT THE LITTLE LEAGUE WORLD SERIES!

We are thrilled to announce that three of our Price Middle School staff members – Barbara Morrone, Sepi Penney and Lisa McConnell – took the Cambrian Park Little League Challenger team to play an exhibition game at the Little League World Series in Williamsport, PA on August 27.

Challenger is a division of Little League baseball that affords athletes with physical and intellectual challenges the opportunity to play ball. It has also been an avenue for fostering friendships and building community regardless of ability both on and off the field.

There were four Price students playing in the game – Mia Purcella, Josh Myers, Treva-Zoe Moser and Jacob Bourdon. Joshua Myers was the first player to pitch in this exhibition game. Turns out his favorite major league pitcher is Oakland A's AJ Puk. [Check out the video AJ made](#) to encourage Joshua and the team!

We were cheering for the kids at the World Series game and continue to be SO proud!



Union School District

Union School District Hosts Choice Professional Learning Day

On September 2nd, 2022, USD hosted its first staff development day of the year with over fifty different sessions offered to all staff members. Staff began

their day with discussions around the framework of Multi-Tiered Systems of Support, then joined certificated and classified colleagues from all across the District for the conference style PD day at Union Middle School. The sessions, tailored to staff feedback and identified needs, included a variety of topics including content area and technology strategies, behavior interventions, social emotional learning,

equity, retirement plan education, and staff wellness.

The most well-attended sessions included Supporting Students with Sensory Needs, Securely Classroom, Yoga and Meditation, and ParentSquare.



Milpitas Unified School District

Weller Elementary Assistant Principal named to K-12 Dive's top 10 rising leaders list for 2022-23

Weller Elementary Assistant Principal Recep Iscan was selected for K-12 Dive's Rising Leaders: 10 standout assistant principals and district leaders you should know in 2022-23

The feature states: "In his four years in California's Milpitas Unified School District, Recep Iscan has spearheaded the launch of equitable discipline practices like restorative circles at two schools. He has also served as a key leader in the districtwide Culture of We Equity Team, striving to ensure the district meets its commitment to promote a culture that encourages:

- Being an upstander when others are being harmed.
- Continuing to learn about and overcome personal biases.
- Assuring students see themselves in what they read, write and discuss."

Read the full feature here: <https://www.k12dive.com/news/rising-leaders-10-standout-assistant-principals-and-district-leaders-2022/630551/>



Moreland School District

Moreland Partners with Care Solace to Offer Free Outside Mental Health Resources and Connections for Students, Staff, and Families

Moreland School District has partnered with Care Solace, an organization that helps individuals find mental health care providers outside of the traditional school setting. Care Solace is a free service for students, their families, and all Moreland staff members, paid for by a grant through Santa Clara County Behavioral Health Services.

Care Solace offers a Care Companion™ team that is available 24/7/365 that can quickly connect staff and families to carefully verified providers by calling a phone number with support in 200+ languages, or do an anonymous search at www.caresolace.com/moreland.

"As educators, we know that the needs of our students are greater now more than ever," said Dr. Clover Codd, Superintendent. "This layer will help our community navigate what can be a very complicated and long process to get outside mental health support." To learn more, visit www.moreland.org.



Santa Clara Unified School District

Santa Clara Unified School District Opens Kathleen MacDonald High School

SCUSD opened its third and final school on a large campus in North San Jose that also houses Abram Agnew Elementary School and Dolores Huerta Middle School, both opened in August 2021. The property now owned by the district housed the former Agnews State Hospital, named after the Agnew family, the first owners of the land. SCUSD has spent nearly two decades bringing this vision to reality — starting with campaigning the State of California to sell the land for school development. These three new school sites bring to life the inspiring and innovative teaching and learning spaces we know our children and youth need in order to make our vision for future-ready, thriving citizens a reality.



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