

## SCCSBA January 2023 Newsletter

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### President's Message - Bridget Watson

Happy New Year to everyone! I hope you are safe, warm, and dry tonight as this most recent cold and windy atmospheric river passes over us!

There is a ton of exciting work on SCCSBA teams this time of year, and I'm grateful for all the trustees and administrators who make it happen! To name a few - Thank you to everyone who reviewed and scored the numerous Hoffmann Award applications over the past few weeks, so that we can celebrate and share some of the most impactful, innovative programs in our county this year.

Thank you to our Legislative Action Committee members, who are beginning to meet with legislators on behalf of our organization this month so that our elected officials at the county, state and federal level know our region's legislative needs and interests. Thank you to the Legislative Brunch team, who are putting together an informative, engaging event to engage all of us in the legislative conversation. And a big thanks to our region's members of the CSBA Delegate Assembly!

There are many other ideas and efforts in flight, and we have a generous, thoughtful, passionate cohort of trustees this year who are contributing and providing feedback, individually and collectively, to our community - that's YOU! Thank you for your collaboration and partnership.

Looking forward to seeing you online and in person at our upcoming events in 2023!

### SCCSBA January 25 Evening Zoom Meeting

Please join us for our next SCCSBA evening Zoom meeting on Wednesday January 25, 2023 at 7:30pm.

We will be having our annual presentation of The State of Public Education in Santa Clara County with Dr. Mary Ann Dewan, County Superintendent of Schools.

SCCSBA has not yet received the complete list of official CSBA Delegate Assembly candidates, so we will host candidate speeches and provide more information about electing Delegate Assembly members at our February 22nd SCCSBA Zoom evening meeting.

### Upcoming Events

#### ***Saturday, January 28, 2023 - SCCSBA New Board Member Workshop***

We welcome all new board members and their superintendents to join us for our Saturday, January 28 New Board Member Workshop. We have an exciting and informative agenda, with panels and presenters discussing How to be a Successful School Board Member, The SCCOE and Local School Boards, What Makes a Successful Governance Team, What SCCSBA and CSBA can do for New Board Members, and Children's Wellbeing in California Public Education Policy with San Mateo County Board of Education Trustee Ted Lempert. We look forward to seeing you all Saturday January 28th! A special thanks to all of

our panelists.

The event will be held from 8:45-11:30 AM. It will be held at the Santa Clara County Office of Education.

To register, visit <http://january28newboardmembertraining.eventbrite.com/>

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***Friday, February 3, 2023 - SCCSBA Lunch at Country Gourmet***

Come and join us for lunch at Country Gourmet (1314 S. Mary Avenue, Sunnyvale) from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM. Everyone pays for their own lunch, and it's a fun way to converse with other trustees from around the county. No RSVP is needed.

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***Wednesday February 22, 2023 - SCCSBA Monthly Meeting***

Wednesday February 22, 2023 (On Zoom)

7:00 - 9:00 PM

Topic: Juvenile Justice Panel: A Conversation About the Impacts of Expulsion

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***Wednesday March 22, 2023 - SCCSBA Monthly Meeting***

Wednesday March 22, 2023 (On Zoom)

7:00 - 9:00 PM

Topic: Anti-Hate Panel: Preventing and Responding to Hate Incidents on School Campuses

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## **SCCSBA Legislative Action Committee Update**

**Annual SCCSBA Legislative Brunch**

**SAVE the DATE: Saturday, February 25th, 2023 9 am - 12 pm**

**The Hub in Stanford Research Park**

**3215 Porter Dr**

**Palo Alto, CA 94304**

**This will be a hybrid event with both in-person and online options. Stay tuned for more information on how to register.**

**If anyone would like to recommend questions that we can pose to our legislators, please email Executive Director Bonnie Mace ([execdirector@sccsba.org](mailto:execdirector@sccsba.org))**

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**Congratulations to the newest members of CSBA Region 20 Delegate Assembly:**

**Jessica Speiser, Los Altos School Board**

**Maimona Afzal Berta, Santa Clara County Board of Education**

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## **Santa Clara County Office of Education Spotlight**

### **Announcement of New Area 3 Trustee**

On November 28, 2022, the Santa Clara County Board of Education unanimously approved the selection of Donald Rocha as the provisionally appointed trustee for Area 3. Trustee Area 3 includes the Cambrian, Campbell Union, Luther Burbank, Moreland, Union and Campbell Union High School districts and a small portion of San Jose Unified and Santa Clara Unified school districts. The seat becomes vacant on December 21, 2022, when the deferred resignation of Trustee Rosemary Kamei takes effect. Trustee Kamei was elected to the San Jose City Council in June of 2022.

Donald Rocha will be sworn in on December 21, 2022. As the provisional appointee, he will fill the remainder of the term which ends after the November 2024 election is certified. He joins the seven member county board of education from his current position as a school board member in the Cambrian School District.

## School District Highlights

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### Sunnyvale School District

Several local leaders attended the December 15 Sunnyvale School Board meeting to honor longstanding board member Jeff Arnett for his 19 years of service.

The Santa Clara County School Boards Association awarded Arnett with a certificate of appreciation, the Sunnyvale School District awarded him with a special plaque and the Fremont Union High School District passed a resolution in his honor. FUSHD board member Naomi Nakano-Matsumoto praised him for his service.

Santa Clara County Supervisor Otto Lee presented Arnett with an official commendation. Alex Kobayashi, an aide of Senator Josh Becker's Offices presented a joint resolution with Assemblymember Marc Berman. Yvonne Inciarte, an aide of Congressman Ro Khanna's Office, presented Arnett with a certificate of special congressional recognition at his second to last board meeting on November 17.

"When I came on the board I had some ideas of the change I wanted and what I've respected and liked about the board is it's changed me, it improved me," Arnett said during the meeting. "What the board has really taught me was to always focus every decision you make around the students. We've said before that they're the constituency that doesn't get to vote for us."

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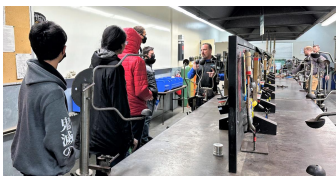
### Cambrian School District

Cambrian's Sartorette Elementary School was recently featured in the *San Jose Mercury News*. On December 26, 2022, Jennifer Lozzio's 5th grade class Food & Clothing Drive was covered. Mrs. Lozzio's 5th grade students wanted to do something to benefit the community. On their own accord, and with their teacher's support, the class chose to organize a nonperishable food drive. In planning the food drive, they could not understand why it had to be limited to collecting only non-perishable foods; thus they added toiletries, clothing, and shoes for local families in need.

"The students' desire to help the community is heartwarming," said Sartorette Elementary School Principal Debbie Stein. "This is the kind of student-driven voice and choice that supports educating the whole child—it was the students' idea and their dedication to follow through on it." Lozzio said students were empowered to make a difference with the support of teachers and the whole school community, who rallied to support their efforts.

Over 500 nonperishable food items, over 500 pounds of clothing, and over 100 pairs of shoes were donated from the Sartorette School community. Way to go, Sartorette!

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### Milpitas Unified School District

#### MUSD Students Explore Careers at Pipes Trades Training Facility

Eighth through 12th grade students from Rancho Milpitas Middle School, Thomas Russell Middle School, Milpitas High School and Calaveras Hills High School were invited to a tour of the facilities at Pipes Trades Training Center last month.

At the Pipe Trades Training Center, students learned about exciting career opportunities in Commercial Plumbing, Steam Fitting, and HVACR (heating, ventilation, air conditioning, and refrigeration). Students received in-depth knowledge of the programs at the training center, a step-by-step walkthrough of the application process, and heard firsthand experiences from current apprentices.

The visit ended with a tour of their 102,000 square foot facility featuring 45 classrooms and numerous hands-on labs. This was an exciting opportunity for our students as they learned of alternate career paths that could provide them with lucrative career opportunities. Apprentices shared that they were able to afford homes in San Jose due to the exceptional salary and benefits packages provided in their prospective fields.



## Los Gatos Saratoga Union High School District

### The Education Department of the New Taipei City Government Looks to Partner with LGSUHSD as US Representative for Cultural Exchange Project

After a successful partnership with Los Gatos High School administrators, teachers, and students in 2019, the Education Department of the New Taipei City (NTPC) Government from Taiwan visited Saratoga High School in December hoping to find staff and students to represent the United States in the city's international event "2023 NTPC MAGIC: New Taipei City International Youth Forum on Technical Sustainability Projects and Cultural Exchange." MAGIC is the event's acronym for "Maker, Action, Green, International, Cross-Domain."

In October of 2019, two Los Gatos High School students represented the US at the 2019 international event, "Innovation MAGIC." Partnering with students from Jhangshu International Creative Technical High School in Taiwan, Juliette Bolvin (LGHS 2019 sophomore) and Liam McHugh (LGHS 2019 senior) designed a jacket heated by a solar panel to help homeless people combat hypothermia and lined the design with LED lights to help wearers stay safe at night.

The first event since the COVID-19 pandemic, this year's conference will focus on a technical-oriented action plan that uses the philosophy of carbon neutral to improve the extreme weather conditions and climate catastrophe happening around the world.

Led by LGSUHSD Board President Katherine Tseng, Superintendent Bill Sanderson, and Saratoga High School Principal Greg Louie, representatives from New Taipei City visited Saratoga High School on December 13, 2022, recording presentations and speaking with teachers and students about their lessons and curriculum. Approximately 100 students and teachers will be invited to this conference from Taiwan, the Republic of China, Australia, the US, the UK, Japan, France, Germany, and Singapore. Even before the equipment was received, Kasberger said nearby college institutions raved about the program in place for students.

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## MetroED

### SVCTE Automotive Services Program Driving Student Success With Industry Leaders

Last year, [Silicon Valley Career Technical Education](#) (SVCTE) celebrated partnerships with more than 125 entities, from businesses, community colleges, and non-profit organizations in Silicon Valley. The support of industry partners is a critical component of career technical education, which offers our students discipline, relevance, and real-world content so they can easily transition into a career or continue their post-secondary education.

For the [Automotive Services program](#), these partnerships are in many ways behind the wheel driving student success.

In just two months, students in automotive teacher Tom Nemeth's classes have kicked off a new partnership with participation in the [New Ford Tech ACE \(Automotive Career Exploration\)](#) program and some have even earned certificates from the [Toyota TEC \(Technician Education College Support\)](#) program.

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**Photo Caption:** MetroED Superintendent Alyssa Lynch; Capitol Ford Service Manager Francisco Ramirez; Capitol Ford Service Director Eldin Pasic; Juan Maldonado, Ford regional technical talent placement specialist; Automotive Services teacher Tom Nemeth; and Kiran Grewal, MetroED Director of Educational Services (adults, left to right) honor students John Ngo, Trent Avvenire, Nolan Johnson, and Elaina Hernandez.

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