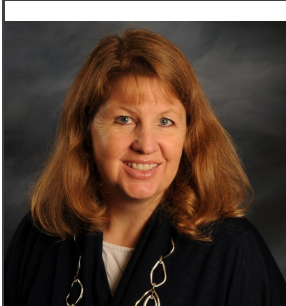


SCCSBA April 2021 Newsletter

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President's Message - by Fiona Walter

Hi, Everyone,

Happy Spring! Some of us are on break this week while others of you had last week off. Hopefully you've all found some much-needed time to catch up and re-energize as we head toward June.

Thank you to everyone who ran for Delegate Assembly! Your willingness to serve our county at the state level is very much appreciated. Santa Clara County (Reg. 20) has 12 delegates with half up for election each year (staggered two-year terms). Congratulations to those newly elected or re-elected: Danielle Cohen (Campbell Union SD), George Sanchez (Franklin-McKinley ESD), Fiona Walter (Mtn View Los Altos HSD), and Devon Conley (Mtn View Whisman SD). We have a run-off for an additional two spots across three candidates: Bridget Watson (Sunnyvale ESD), Van Le (East Side Union HSD), and Andres Quintero (Alum Rock Union ESD). Votes are due back to CSBA by April 30th, so please plan accordingly with board agendas. Once these results are in, our Region 20 Director, Albert Gonzalez (Santa Clara USD), will make one appointment to fill the final year of a vacated term, and we will be done. Expect final results prior to the delegate assembly gathering May 14-16 (virtual).

Also coming in May, Part II of our Juvenile Justice Commission conversation on SROs. Thank you to Shali Sirkay (Los Altos SD) for her ongoing help with this. More info to follow very soon.

Wishing you all success as we reopen our schools and welcome students back to our campuses. We are in the home stretch of this crazy year!

Cheers,
Fiona

April 22 and May 20
SCCSBA Zoom Meeting with County Superintendent Dewan

April 22 from 1:00-2:00 p.m. and May 20 from 1:00-2:00 p.m.

County Superintendent Dewan will join us for her regular update on COVID, the status of vaccinations and other issues related to public education and school reopening in our county. All trustees are welcome to join.

May 12 - SCCSBA Zoom Meeting on School Reopening

We will be holding our next SCCSBA Zoom Meeting on School Reopening on Wednesday, May 12 from 12-1 p.m. This is an opportunity for trustees to share what's happening in their districts in terms of school reopening. This is part of our ongoing mission to provide opportunities for trustees to share their ideas and ask questions of each other.

April 28 - Hoffmann Zoom Awards Ceremony

Congratulations to our Hoffmann Awards Winners for 2021. In alphabetical order by school district they are:

Mandarin Immersion Program at Cherrywood Elementary, Berryessa Union School District

Achieving Success w/ Student Intervention, Support and Therapy (ASSIST), Los Gatos-Saratoga Union High School District

REA2CH (Reaching Everyone in Academics, Arts, Character and Health), Luther Burbank School District

Edenvale Adopt-a-College Program, Oak Grove School District

Units of Study in Reading, Writing and Phonics, Sunnyvale School District

Many thanks to our Hoffmann Awards Chair David Guidry (Los Gatos-Saratoga Union High School District). And thanks to all of the trustees who read and scored the applications and conducted virtual or in-person site visits.

We will celebrate the winners at our virtual **Hoffmann Zoom Ceremony on Wednesday, April 28**. Thanks to the SCCOE Communications Department for creating videos for the virtual awards ceremony. And thanks to Engie for sponsoring this year's Hoffmann Awards. This year's Hoffmann Zoom celebration will be hosted by the Mountain View-Los Altos High School District. See your inbox for the zoom link.



From our CSBA Region 20 Representative Marty Fatooh

Hon. Delegates and Trustees,

I cannot believe how quickly this year is moving as we are approaching the middle of April and into the heart of planning for the Fall. This past year, Covid has challenged all of us, but placing oneself in the shoes of a school board member from March 2020 to present would humble most people. In addition to working on safe closing, distance learning, re-opening plans, and executing those plans, many of you have been going the extra mile around advocacy. Whether it be digital divide with the Digital Equity Coalition, food insecurity awareness, and ensuring that our state is focusing on early ed development. I look forward to continuing our advocacy together as we approach the Summer and into the Fall.

As our State continues to move into less restrictive waters, we have seen a bigger push from the legislature to open schools by the fall, and as we are well aware, some want it to happen now. Last week, Gov. Newsom made very clear that it is the opinion of his office and team that with the support he and the legislature has provided to LEA's in addition to science, that every district in California should be ready for in person learning by the Fall. It seems that there is a growing impatience with the term "Hybrid" as they want everyone fully returned by then. We also want to remind the State that everyone is working hard to come back for the fall, with so many of you already back on campus, and to remember that we are facing teacher and substitute shortages across the board, even before we were hit with this deadly pandemic. I will continue to take your concerns around these issues to our leadership as well as the local legislative delegation who have been extremely responsive to our group, especially in the past year.

In the spirit of reopening, I hope that you will join us at the Annual Education Conference (AEC) and Delegate Assembly which will be held in person this year in San Diego! The AEC Team will be in contact very soon once the website and registration page is live. If you have any questions around AEC or Delegate Assembly, please feel free to reach out. I am also looking forward to visiting three LEA's on

April 29th to get a firsthand look at the safe and interactive learning environments you have created for students throughout Santa Clara County. I look forward to continuing these in person visits with all of you as we go into safer waters.

Lastly, I look forward to tuning into the upcoming webinar on broadband, featuring CSBA Region 20 Delegate Lorena Chavez! On 4/20, Lorena will join CSBA CEO Vernon Billy, legislative, and tech leaders for a robust discussion on the state of broadband and the future of it in California. Please let me know if you would like to attend and did not receive a registration email.

Thank you for your service and stay safe,

Marty (mfatooh@csba.org)

Santa Clara County Office of Education Spotlight

School Reopening Dashboard

On March 5, 2021, Governor Gavin Newsom signed into law Assembly Bill 86 providing guidance and a pathway for schools to begin offering in-person instruction.

The dashboard below summarizes each district's plan for phasing students back into schools for in-person instruction. Data is organized by the date in which students would potentially return to in-person instruction and the model of instruction being provided. Districts may be reopening campuses to provide instruction through one or more of the following models: fully in-person, hybrid, prioritized for specific student groups, or remaining in distance learning. As a note, hybrid models will uniquely vary between districts. For more specific information on a district's hybrid model, please contact each district.

Here is the dashboard link:

<https://www.sccoe.org/reopening-schools/School-Reopening-Dashboard/Pages/default.aspx>

School District Highlights



Milpitas Unified School District

Rancho-Milpitas Middle School Named 2021 California Distinguished School

Rancho-Milpitas Middle School received word this month from the California Department of Education that it was selected as a 2021 California Distinguished School.

The 2021 California Distinguished Schools Program recognizes California schools that have made exceptional gains in implementing the academic content and performance standards adopted by the State Board of Education for all students.

"This accomplishment is a result of our collective and collaborative professional efforts to support our students over the last several years," said Rancho Principal Casey McMurray. "This is definitely a highlight in an otherwise very challenging school year."

Rancho, which follows 2020 recipients Rose and Curtner Elementary Schools, qualified for this prestigious honor under Category 2 of the California Distinguished Schools Program for Exceptional Student Performance in English Language Arts and Mathematics as well as Suspension Rate and Chronic Absentee Indicators.



Berryessa Union School District

The Berryessa Union School District is tremendously excited to announce that Morrill Middle School has been recognized as a **2021 California Distinguished School!**

The California Distinguished School award honors some of California's most exemplary and inspiring public schools. Schools selected for the Distinguished School Award demonstrate significant gains in narrowing the achievement gap.

On behalf of the Berryessa Union Board of Trustees and District administration, **we would like to honor and thank our Morrill community for persevering and showing great dedication to our students' academic and social emotional success.** This award is a labor of love, care, and passion for the students they serve. Morrill Middle School has established a school climate that strives for success and support for all. We are grateful for their service and commitment.



Morgan Hill Unified School District

The Morgan Hill Unified School District was proud to host a COVID-19 vaccine clinic through a partnership with the Albertson's Corporation, the parent company of Safeway grocery stores. The "Sobrato-Safeway Clinic" was held at Ann Sobrato High School from March 10 through March 13. The vaccines were offered to district employees, local educators and child care providers/workers not employed by the district, as well as all others in eligible categories in Phase 1A and 1B. The Sobrato-Safeway Clinic was able to schedule appointments for and successfully administer a total of 1,229 COVID-19 Pfizer vaccines to our community.



MetroED

Alecia Myers-Kelley selected as 2021 California CTE Administrator of the Year by the Association of California School Administrators

MetroED congratulates Alecia Myers-Kelley, Director of Programs and Student Support Services, as the Association of California School Administrators (ACSA) Career Technical Education Administrator of the Year award recipient for 2021. ACSA is proud to recognize outstanding performance and achievement by an individual administrator.

We offer our sincerest congratulations to Alecia, who without exception represents excellence and commitment as an educational leader.

To read more [click here!](#)



Cambrian School District

Congratulations to Farnham Elementary School fifth-grader Roi Weiss, the overall winner of the Cambrian Educational Foundation (CEF) Read-a-thon. "I am so proud of the effort that Roi put into reading and tracking all of the pages for the Cambrian Readathon," said Farnham Principal Amy O'Hehir. "What an accomplishment to read 11,580 minutes of reading! Farnham is proud to have Roi be our district winner.

The CEF raised about \$30,000 through this fundraiser event, with proceeds to be used for mental health services within the district. Three hundred and sixteen CSD students participated, accruing a total of 426,595 minutes (which is 7,110 hours; or 296 and 1/2 days, or 42 weeks & 2 days). Thanks to CEF for this amazing event and Roi Weiss for his extraordinary effort!

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