



SCCSBA February 2024 Newsletter

Welcome!



SCCSBA President's Message - By Jessica Speiser

Happy February! I hope your new year, whether calendar or lunar, is getting off to a good start. I can tell you my new year has been busy whether it is my local board work or service to this organization. Either way, working in the service of our county's students fills my bucket and is worth every minute!

I have a bunch of updates for you:

- **SCCSBA Executive Team 2024-25:** Our nominating committee is seeking suggestions for next year's officers. Thank you to immediate Past President, Bridget Watson (Sunnyvale School District), Legislative Brunch Co-Chair, Naomi Nakano-Matsumoto (Fremont Union High School District), Region 20 CSBA Director and Legislative Brunch Co-Chair Devon Conley (Mountain View Whisman School District), Past President, Jodi Muirhead (Santa Clara Unified School District), and Hoffmann Awards Chair, Isabel Jubes-Flamerich (Sunnyvale School District) for serving on our nominating committee this year. Please reach out to them if you are interested in being a part of this great team!
- **Special Education Lunch and Learn on 2/22:** In addition to getting all the news that is fit to print from Dr. Mary Ann Dewan, we will have a conversation on best practices in Special Education led by Chris Norwood (Milpitas Unified School District), Carol Presunka (Cambrian School District), and Elisabeth Halliday (Campbell Union High School District).
- **SCCSBA 2/28 Business Meeting:** We will start off the meeting with CSBA Delegate Assembly speeches (we have 5 candidates for 4 spots). In addition to conducting normal business, I really look forward to Superintendent Dr. Mary Ann Dewan facilitation of a panel on the Math Framework.
- **The Legislative Brunch team (led by Naomi Nakano-Matsumoto and Devon Conley)** is hard at work managing all the painstaking details that go into coordinating a robust morning with our fellow county trustees and congress people, assembly members, state senators, county supervisors, to discuss the CA legislative outlook as it relates to education. I look forward to seeing you March 9th at Fremont High School in the Fremont Union High School District. You can still register [here](#).
- **Hoffmann Awards:** There were over 20 Hoffmann Award applications this year. The readers have chosen the finalists and are doing their site visits as I type. Hoffmann Awards Chair, Isabel Jubes-Flamerich will announce the finalists at our 2/28 meeting. Thank you to Isabel and the rest of the team for all their hard work reading and scoring the applications and visiting the sites. Save the date for May 8, 2024 for the Hoffmann Awards Celebration.

Have a great week. I look forward to seeing you online and in person again soon.

**SCCSBA Lunch and Learn on Zoom
With County Superintendent Dr. Mary Ann Dewan
Thursday, February 22 at Noon**

Please join us for our next Lunch and Learn at Noon on Thursday, February 22. County Superintendent Dr. Mary Ann Dewan will present updates and answer questions in the first half hour. The second half hour will be a discussion of our featured topic of **Special Education**, which

is always a hot topic. We'd love to hear from you about what your district's best practices are in Special Education. See the zoom link in your calendar email inbox.

SCCSBA Evening Zoom Meeting Featured Topic: The Math Framework Wednesday, February 28 at 7 p.m.

Our next evening SCCSBA Zoom Meeting of the new year will be held on Wednesday, February 28 at 7-8:30 p.m. The featured topic will be the New Math Framework. We will have a panel of experts from the Santa Clara County Office of Education on hand to discuss the topic, with plenty of time for questions from our attendees. We will also be having short speeches from our CSBA Delegate Assembly candidates. The ballots for CSBA Delegate Assembly candidates have been sent to all of our school districts and are due March 15. See the zoom link for this meeting in your calendar email inbox.

SCCSBA Legislative Brunch Saturday, March 9

We are pleased to announce Dr. Linda Darling-Hammond, President of the California State Board of Education, as a keynote speaker at our Annual SCCSBA Legislative Brunch on Saturday, March 9 from 9 AM to Noon.

In addition, Speaker of the Assembly Robert Rivas will also join us to deliver remarks. John Fensterwald, of EdSource and formerly the Mercury News, will be facilitating the panels with our legislators again this year. Other state legislators joining us include Senator Laird (Chair of the Senate Budget Subcommittee on Education), Senator Cortese, Assemblymember Kalra, Assemblymember Pellerin, Assemblymember Lee, and Assemblymember Berman. County Supervisors Otto Lee and Susan Ellenberg will also be speaking at the event.

Thanks to our event Co-Chairs Trustees Naomi Nakano-Matsumoto (FUHSD) and Devon Conley (MV Whisman SD).

Here's the link to register: march9legislativebrunch.eventbrite.com

Informal Networking Lunch at OPA! in Campbell Friday, March 1

Come and join us on Friday, March 1 for an in-person networking lunch at OPA! in Campbell (276 E Campbell Ave, Campbell, CA 95008). Hopefully the weather will be nice and sunny, as we sit outside and share conversation and good food. It's a no host event, and it's always very fun and informative to have conversations with other trustees.

Annual SCCSBA Hoffmann Awards Dinner Wednesday, May 8

We invite all trustees and superintendents to join us for our Annual Hoffmann Awards Dinner on Wednesday, May 8. This is our special annual event in which we celebrate outstanding programs in school districts throughout our county. This year's dinner will be held at MetroEd in San Jose, and it promises to be a fun evening of great food and award videos.

A big thanks to Isabel Jubes-Flamerich (Sunnyvale SD) for being this year's Event Chair. And a huge thanks to all those trustees who either read and scored the applications or conducted site visitations of the programs.

This year's event is sponsored by **Voler Strategic Advisors, CliffordMoss, and TeamCivX.**

SCCSBA Calendar of Upcoming Events/Meetings for 2024

SCCSBA Evening Zoom Meeting

Wed. Feb. 28, 2024

7:00-8:30 p.m.

Zoom

SCCSBA Annual Legislative Brunch

Sat. March 9, 2024

9:00am - 12:00pm

Fremont Union HSD

SCCSBA Evening Zoom Meeting

Topic: Best Practices in Special Education

Wed. March 27, 2024

7:00-8:30 p.m.

Zoom

Candidate Workshop for School Board Members

Sat. in April 2024

9:00-11:00 a.m.

SCCOE

SCCSBA Evening Zoom Meeting

Wed. April 24, 2024

7:00-8:30 p.m.

Zoom

Hoffmann Awards Dinner

Wed. May 8, 2024

6:00-9:00pm

MetroEd

Annual Dinner for SCCSBA Officers, Delegates and District Reps.

Wed. May 29, 2024

6:30-8:00pm

Location TBD

Additional SCCSBA Events/Meetings for 2023-24

Upcoming Lunch and Learns featuring County Superintendent Dr. Mary Ann Dewan on Zoom

Thursday, February 22, 2024 at 12-1 pm

Thursday, March 21, 2024 at 12-1 pm

Thursday, April 25, 2024 at 12-1 pm

Wednesday, May 22, 2024 at 12-1 pm

Friday In-Person Networking Lunches at Local Restaurants

March 1, 2024 at 11:30 AM -1:00 PM, OPA! (Campbell)

April 5, 2024 at 11:30 AM -1:00 PM, Country Gourmet (Sunnyvale)

CSBA Spotlight (csba.org)

Improving TK programming will require better data

As California continues its push to expand access to transitional kindergarten, ensuring high-quality TK programming will require better data on early education, according to researchers at Policy Analysis for California Education (PACE).

In January, PACE released a [report](#) identifying four promising practices observed during the 2022–23 school year to support access and coherence in early childhood education:

1. Coordinate across providers within the mixed-delivery model, aiming to ensure universal access and vertical alignment of pre-K and TK offerings, as has been done in San Rafael

City Schools and Santa Paula Unified School District.

2. Establish clear and aligned expectations for PK–3 standards and instruction across providers and school sites like Arvin Union SD accomplished with math learning progressions.
3. Monitor PK–3 student learning and progress to guide decision making using robust data-use systems such as those implemented by Monterey Peninsula USD.
4. Develop coherent professional learning that builds capacity for high-quality teaching and learning in the early grades like Dinuba USD has done to provide targeted professional development.

However, measuring program impact to make necessary improvements has proven challenging, researchers said in a [companion commentary](#).

[Read more here...](#)

Santa Clara County Office of Education Spotlight

Annual State of Education Address

On January 30, the Santa Clara County Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Mary Ann Dewan, delivered the annual State of Education address, a report of how students are performing and the successes and opportunities for public education in Santa Clara County. Maimona Afzal Berta, President of the Santa Clara County Board of Education, opened this annual event.

From increasing and advancing the workforce to promoting the importance of early childhood education, the efforts of the SCCOE coupled with valuable partnerships are ensuring the success of nearly 240,000 students across Santa Clara County. This year's theme, "Together we...", highlights the SCCOE's gratitude for its partners, which include educators, school districts, policymakers, and community-based organizations.

"Our work is not done alone," said County Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Mary Ann Dewan. "Our collaborations have made a significant difference for the overall performance and well-being of children and their families. The education workforce in our county is dedicated and hardworking. They make a difference every day in the lives of students."

Parts of the event included students from various programs and schools across the county. Students from the Los Gatos High School Orchestra Club, Sunol Community School, and the Santa Clara County Youth Poet Laureate demonstrated their talent, creativity and civic engagement.

This year's event included the release of the Annual Report, which highlights how the SCCOE leveraged limited resources for the most impact on student equity, diversity, inclusion, engagement and well-being. The Annual Report and a recording of the address can be found online by visiting <https://sccoe.to/SOE>

To learn more about the 2024 State of Education, please visit: <https://sccoe.to/SOE>

School District Highlights



Cambrian School District

CAMBRIAN SCHOOL DISTRICT READ-A-THON RAISES \$46,000

The Cambrian Educational Foundation (CEF) partnered with the Cambrian School District to hold their annual Read-a-thon. The fundraising event was a tremendous success: together, as a district, students read over \$1.5 million minutes and raised over \$46,000 for District mental health resources.

These funds help pay for the social emotional learning curriculum used every day in Cambrian classrooms, in addition to training for the teachers. Three cheers for our wonderful district, coming together to support our students! And congratulations to our students for their incredible reading!



Milpitas Unified School District

Milpitas USD breaks ground on new Performing Arts Center at Milpitas HS

With student marching band and choir members serenading attendees to open the Jan. 30 ceremony, Milpitas Unified School District's district and school board leaders, as well as Milpitas High School music department directors, were joined by City of Milpitas officials, Santa Clara County Office of Education Superintendent Dr. Mary Ann Dewan, representatives of local and regional dignitaries, MHS staff and community members to celebrate the ground-breaking of the Measure AA-funded MHS Performing Arts Center.



MetroED

Metropolitan Education District (MetroED) Celebrates Career and Technical Education (CTE) Month

February is recognized nationwide as Career and Technical Education Month each year. MetroED is highlighting Career and Technical Education (CTE) Month with an insider's view of our classrooms. Follow this **virtual journey with interactive demonstrations here** and on **social media**. We are using the hashtag **#HandsInCTE2024**.

So far we have covered:

- Construction Technology
- Culinary Arts
- Electrical Vehicles/Auto Services
- Forensic Science
- HVAC
- Mechatronics Engineering
- Sports Medicine & Kinesiology

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