



## SCCSBA January 2024 Newsletter

Welcome!



### SCCSBA President's Message - By Jessica Speiser

Happy New Year. I hope you all had relaxing holiday breaks and have come back to your board work renewed and ready to hit the ground running. Thank you all for your service to your local school boards and your continued membership in our Santa Clara County School Boards Association. The work you do is often thankless, but makes a great deal of difference for the kids you serve.

The SCCSBA has already hit the ground running in the new year.

- Hoffmann Award readers are busy reading and scoring 20 applications. Special thanks to Isabel Jubes-Flamerich for leading that effort and pulling it all together.
- The Legislative Action Committee (LAC) has already met with several local legislators to share the membership's priorities (from a survey filled out by all 31 member districts!) and hear about the respective legislator's priorities. Special thanks to Bridget Watson for her masterful and persistent scheduling capabilities and Theresa Bond for effortlessly leading those meetings.
- The Legislative Brunch team is putting together what promises to be an informative and engaging event to engage all of us in the legislative conversation set for March 9th at Fremont High School in the Fremont Union High School District. Special thanks to Naomi Nakano-Matsumoto and Devon Conley for their hard work nailing out all the details.

Our next Lunch and Learn is on January 18th and in addition to getting the ever priceless updates from Dr. Mary Ann Dewan, will be discussing Strategic Plans with at least Devon Conley and Carol Presunka offering their expertise as conversation starters. For future lunch and learns we still need conversation starters for trustee related subject matters of interest. Help us out and sign up [here](#).

### SCCSBA Lunch and Learn on Zoom With County Superintendent Dr. Mary Ann Dewan Thursday, January 18 at Noon

Please join us for our next Lunch and Learn at Noon on Thursday, January 18. 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 LCAP and Strategic Planning. Please come with info about your own LCAP and Strategic Plan process. See the zoom link in your calendar email inbox.

### SCCSBA Evening Zoom Meeting Guest Speaker County Superintendent Dr. Mary Ann Dewan State of the County in Public Education Wednesday, January 24 at 7 p.m.

Our first evening SCCSBA Zoom Meeting of the new year will be held on Wednesday, January 24 at 7-8:30 p.m. The featured topic will be the State of the County in Public Education with guest speaker County Superintendent Dr. Mary Ann Dewan. This is always a popular topic with plenty of data and time for your questions. See the zoom link in your calendar email inbox.

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## Save the Date - Saturday, March 9 SCCSBA Legislative Brunch

We are excited to announce that we will be holding our annual SCCSBA Legislative Brunch on Saturday, March 9 from 9 a.m. to Noon. A big thanks to John Fensterwald (Editor-at-Large for EdSource) for moderating our speaker panels. As usual, we will have our county, state and federal legislators speaking at this event, which gives us great insight into what's happening in this election year. Thanks to Fremont Union High School District for hosting this year's event. Thanks also to our event Co-Chairs Trustees Naomi Nakano-Matsumoto (FUHSD) and Devon Conley (MV Whisman SD). Stay tuned for the eventbrite registration link coming soon.

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### 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)

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## CSBA Spotlight (csba.org)

### **Governor announces significantly smaller budget deficit than anticipated**

Gov. Newsom announces \$37.86 billion budget shortfall, nearly \$30 billion less than previously estimated by the state's nonpartisan Legislative Analyst's Office

Referring to his [January Budget Proposal](#) as a “normalization” and a “correction” of the “distortions” seen in prior year budgets during the pandemic, Gov. Gavin Newsom on Jan. 10 announced a substantially smaller-than-expected three-year budget shortfall of \$37.86 billion. Acknowledging the volatile rise and fall in capital gains revenues, which were a significant contributor to the sharp increases in the 2021–22 and 2022–23 budgets, the Governor proposes to fully fund the Proposition 98 Minimum Guarantee at \$109.1 billion.

“Based on our initial review of the Governor’s budget information, we’re encouraged that a \$38 billion deficit — significantly smaller than the \$68 billion shortfall predicted by the Legislative Analyst’s Office — has allowed the Governor to substantially maintain education funding at existing levels,” said CSBA CEO & Executive Director Vernon M. Billy. “We’re pleased by the decision to use the Proposition 98 Reserve, preserving base funding and flexibility for local educational agencies. If the Governor’s budget numbers hold, he has established a solid foundation on which the Legislature can build as the budget negotiation process continues.”

[Read CSBA President Albert Gonzalez’s statement about the budget proposal »](#)

CSBA hosted a [webinar](#) providing a deeper dive into the Governor’s proposal and its impact on school districts and county offices of education on Jan. 11. Governmental Relations staff broke down the budget with special attention paid to the local governance implications and reviewed how the Governor’s proposal addresses key CSBA budget priorities, including maintaining funding for the Local Control Funding Formula, student mental health services, staff recruitment and retention, transitional kindergarten implementation, cybersecurity and internet infrastructure, and pension relief.

Read More: [Governor announces significantly smaller budget deficit than anticipated – CSBA Blog](#)

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## Santa Clara County Office of Education Spotlight

### **Trustee Maimona Afzal Berta Named President of the Santa Clara County Board of Education**

On January 10, 2024, the Santa Clara County Board of Education (SCCBOE) elected its officers for 2024. Trustee Maimona Afzal Berta, elected to the board in 2022, was named president, and Trustee Don Rocha was named vice president. On November 28, 2022, Donald Rocha was selected as the provisionally appointed trustee for area 3.

President Berta received the gavel from Trustee Victoria Chon. Prior to her election to the SCCBOE, was an educator in the Alum Rock School District and a board member in the Franklin-McKinley School District. Her trustee area, area 6, covers the following areas: Alum Rock Union, Mt. Pleasant Elementary, Franklin-McKinley School districts, and a small portion of Evergreen School District, as well as a corresponding portion of East Side Union High School District, and a small portion of San Jose Unified. President Berta has served on the following committees as a representative of the SCCBOE: Joint Legislative Advisory Committee (JLAC), California School Boards Association (CSBA) Delegate, and Warmenhoven Inclusion Collaborative Advisory Board. Her term expires in 2026.

Vice President Rocha represents trustee Area 3 which 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. He has served on the Joint Legislative Advisory Committee. His term expires in 2024. The Vice President’s appointment follows former Vice President Tara Sreekrishnan.

The Santa Clara County Board of Education has seven members. In addition to newly elected President Berta and Vice President Rocha, the current members of the County Board of Education are Victoria Chon (Area 5), Joseph Di Salvo (Area 4), Raena Lari (Area 7), Grace H. Mah (Area 1), and Tara Sreekrishnan (Area 2).

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## Cambrian School District

### Congratulations Price Middle School!

We are so proud and excited to announce that Price Middle School is the recipient of the 2023 NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Community Merit Award. This is in recognition of Price's outstanding outreach, advocacy, and efforts to create awareness and education around mental health issues. The 3rd Annual Price Walk for Mental Health held last October raised over \$30,000 to support NAMI. Most importantly, our students, their families, and the community were made more aware of the importance of mental wellness and where they can get support. All of this was possible because of the Herculean efforts of our amazing staff and students. Stacey Bibo spearheaded this inspirational event at Price and we are so grateful for the team effort. Bravo!



## Milpitas Unified School District

### Milpitas HS Wellness Center makes immediate impact on student mental health

On Thursday, November 16, 2023, the Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE) and the Milpitas Unified School District (MUSD) held a ribbon cutting of the new student wellness center at Milpitas High School.

The MHS center, which is open daily to students and staff throughout the school day, was funded through the Mental Health Student Service Act (MHSSA) and California Schools Partnership (CCSPP) Grants acquired through the Santa Clara County Office of Education, in partnership with 31 school districts and the County Behavioral Health Services Dept. Additionally, Representative Ro Khanna secured \$300,000 in federal Community Project Funding for the MHS wellness center implementation through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).

In the first two months, the center has accounted for 554 student visits, with 130 repeat visitors and 16 students in crisis, "and that's why we're here," said Executive Director Mary Jude Doerpinghaus from inside the newly renovated wellness center during the ceremony.

[Click to read more about the MHS Wellness Center](#)

An advertisement for SVCTE (Silicon Valley Career Technical Education) Open to All Students in Santa Clara County. The ad features a purple background with images of students in various career paths: a firefighter, a chef, a medical professional, and a student in a classroom. Text includes "OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY", "SVCTE", "Silicon Valley CTE Provides:", a list of benefits (UC a-g college credit courses, Dual enrollment and articulated courses, Industry certifications, Internships and hands-on career training, High school credits), and "Grades 10, 11 & 12".

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## MetroED

### MetroED's SVCTE Open to All Students in Santa Clara County

Silicon Valley Career Technical Education (SVCTE) offers state-of-the-art programs taught by industry professionals who engage students in rigorous, real-world academics and skills development designed to support their success through college and in their future careers.

Students in grades 10, 11, and 12 throughout Santa Clara County are welcome to attend SVCTE's Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM) high school program offering 28 courses in the 2024-2025 school year (20 of which are UC "a-g" approved). **Enrollment opens for the new school year on January 18.** Courses are offered within 11 industry sectors, ranging from dental assisting, electrical vehicles, fashion design and textile art, fire science/first responder, medical sciences, veterinary science, and so much more.

Our success is in our numbers. Eighty-seven percent of our students continue to a two-year or four-year college. More than 45 percent receive college credit in their CTE program. Additionally, 2022-2023 end-of-year data shows 908 students earned UC "a-g" credit, 392 earned articulation college credit, 90 earned college dual enrollment credit, and 136 earned industry certifications.

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