



SCCSBA June 2023 Newsletter

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SCCSBA President's Message - Bridget Watson

Hello Everyone,

This is the email that's chock full of many many thanks to everyone for being a part of this amazing group of caring, compassionate, hardworking, dedicated people serving our community. We've worked hard towards the goal of programming a student-centered year at SCCSBA, and it has taken many hands (and minds, and hearts) to make light work.

First, I need to thank this year's Leadership Team - Bonnie, Jessica, Rosa, Fiona, and Wendy. All of you made this year possible with countless hours and tons of flexibility, collaboration, expertise, and grit. Thanks for all of your time and energy, and for your dedication to the students and everyone who is doing their best to serve them. You have made a difference this year.

Thank you to the SCCSBA members for being open, asking questions, providing feedback, bringing forward topics and even suggesting experts. To everyone who has helped behind the scenes, giving your feedback and time and working to make our monthly programs and events responsive to our collective interests and needs. Your helpful input made the year richer and provided much needed discussion around hard topics (Suspension, Expulsion, Hate-Incidents on School Campuses) and insights that enriched panel discussions (Student Wellness Advisory Group, Leg Brunch, etc.).

Thanks also to our Event Chairs - Isabel, Naomi, and Grace, and all the trustees and partners who supported these events. There are so many details and moving parts to attend to in planning these events, and they require a lot of collaboration with many people. It was really a great experience to host our first ever hybrid event for Leg Brunch at the Stanford Hub, and it was wonderful to see everyone in person at Metro Ed for the Hoffmann Awards. The Hoffmann Awards couldn't happen without the many volunteers who read the proposals, judged them against a rubric, and visited the finalists in teams. Thank you also to Vaishali for hosting a panel discussion to deepen our understanding of suspension and expulsions in our county - it opened the door for the LAC to advocate with the County Office and CSBA around community and court school funding.

That leads to the Legislative Action Committee Chair and Vice Chair - John and Theresa - and the whole Team - Thanks to everyone serving - for the countless hours surveying and compiling responses, for crafting compelling stories, for experimenting and innovating, for building relationships and meeting with elected officials at every level to advocate for our collective issues, and for writing and reviewing countless letters of support for legislation and funding we so desperately need for our students and families.

I'm also very grateful for our Delegates and CSBA's Directors and Officers for all their time and energy spent this year to effectively represent our region. Devon and Albert coordinated our briefings this year, and gave us their insights as well as updates from the Board of Directors. We just returned from our spring meeting, where we learned that CSBA is going to be focusing on Cyber Security, received a legal update, and attended Policy Pillar Committee Work to support research around the impact of "late start" statewide. Sylvia and other Directors at Large sponsored a breakfast panel regarding supporting students experiencing homelessness and foster care. CSBA also provided a May Revise update and Federal policy update. It was a lot of information but well worth it for Region 20 to be an informed part of the

conversation.

I would also like to especially thank Dr. Dewan and the Santa Clara County Office of Education staff and teams for their partnership with our organization. SCCOE and Dr. Dewan's professionalism, expertise, resources, and generosity have continued to support SCCSBA in providing reliable information, a broad and holistic perspective, and quality programming for trustees in our region.

CSBA has also been an amazing partner again this year. We were so lucky to begin the year again with a PACER, Marty, who was an integral partner in starting up our LAC, and after he left mid-year we are even more fortunate that CSBA saw the value in continuing to serve our county with hiring our amazing new PACER for Region 20, Rita, this year! Thank you, Rita, for your helpfulness and vision! We look forward to working with you next year!

Finally, my thanks go out to our partner organizations at APISMA, CLSBA, ACSA, Santa Clara County Superintendents Association, Ted Lempert, and John Fensterwald, as well as all the elected officials and their staffs with whom we've worked together with the common goals of improving, empowering, and celebrating our community.

OK, so - my final thought for you is to encourage you to stay active or get active next year in SCCSBA. If you have an interest in being a part of things, reach out to the leadership team - Bonnie, Jessica, Carol, Shali, or me, - and let's find something really cool for you to do. We need you. We appreciate you. We are here for you. And in the meantime - have an awesome summer!

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CSBA Spotlight (csba.org)

Legislature releases 2023–24 budget bills

In preparation for the June 15 deadline to pass a budget bill, leadership in the Senate and Assembly have announced an agreement on the 2023–24 budget. Each house has put its initial budget legislation into print as [Assembly Bill 101](#) and [Senate Bill 101](#).

The legislative budget agreement reflects the impacts of CSBA's ongoing budget advocacy and includes the most significant priorities CSBA members and Governmental Relations staff have advocated for throughout the budget cycle, including:

- Honoring the increase in the annual statutory cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) from 8.13 percent to 8.22 percent for the Local Control Funding Formula and specified categorical programs.
- Restoring most of the cuts Gov. Gavin Newsom proposed to the Arts, Music & Instructional Materials (AMIM) Discretionary Block Grant. Under the Legislature's agreement, the grant would be cut by \$200 million rather than the \$1.8 billion proposed by the Governor.
- Partially restoring the Learning Recovery Emergency Block Grant, from a proposed \$2.5 billion reduction in the May Revision to a \$494.5 million reduction.
- Approving the proposed \$80 million to support juvenile court and county community schools (JCCS), a key budget ask spearheaded by CSBA, the California County Superintendents and the Los Angeles County Office of Education. More details as to how this funding will be distributed and potential new accountability requirements will be hammered out in budget trailer bills later this summer.

The Legislative agreement also includes:

- Approval of other key proposals from the Governor's May Revision, including:
 - Maintaining the ongoing \$4 billion in Proposition 98 for the Expanded Learning Opportunities Program while providing some additional flexibility on use of funds.
 - Delaying the \$550 million for the Transitional Kindergarten, Full Day Kindergarten and State Preschool Facilities Program to the 2024–25 fiscal year.
 - Fully funding the current year costs and budget year costs of universal school meals.
 - \$20 million for Bilingual Teacher Professional Development Grants.
- \$15 million Proposition 98 General Fund for the commercial dishwasher grant program outside of the Kitchen Infrastructure and Training Funds.
- \$10 million Proposition 98 General Fund for a Diverse Education Leaders Pipeline Initiative to build a pipeline of administrators of color.
- Rate reform and family fee reform for childcare programs, including state preschool: increased reimbursement rates for childcare providers, waived childcare fees through Sept. 30, 2023, a permanent cap on family fees at 1 percent of family income and waived family fees for families with income under 75 percent of state median income.

Underlying many of these proposals is the Legislature's adoption of a Proposition 98 Guarantee that is \$2.1 billion higher than the Governor's May Budget Revision, on the basis of the Legislative Analyst

Office's forecast of higher local property tax revenue. This higher guarantee allows the Legislature to avoid most of the cuts proposed by the Governor while still accomplishing proposals like fully funding universal school meals and providing additional funding for county office of education-run JCCS. Where these proposals land in the final budget will hinge on negotiations between the Legislature and the Governor in the coming days.

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Santa Clara County Office of Education Spotlight

Santa Clara County Office of Education Announces 2023 Classified School Employees of the Year

The Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE) is pleased to announce the winners of the Santa Clara County 2023 Classified School Employee of the Year Program.

More than 30 applications were received from districts and the SCCOE combined for the 2022-23 school year. A county-level winner was selected for each of the nine service categories: clerical and administrative, custodial and maintenance, food and nutrition, health and student services, paraprofessional, security, skilled trades, technical, and transportation.

"Congratulations to the winners and all the classified employees nominated within the county," said Dr. Mary Ann Dewan, County Superintendent of Schools. "Their invaluable work is crucial to the function and success of school systems that influence the lives of students, their families, and the greater community."

Classified school employees support the education and school systems of California's more than six million public school students in grades pre-k through 12. The program honors the tireless efforts of our outstanding classified school employees. From paraprofessionals, school bus drivers, cafeteria workers and beyond, these employees play key roles in creating a healthy learning environment that contributes to the whole child by promoting student achievement, safety, and well-being.

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School District Highlights



Gilroy Unified School District

The Gilroy Unified School District (GUSD) Board of Education is pleased to announce that Dr. Anisha Munshi has been selected as the new Superintendent. The Board voted unanimously to approve Dr. Munshi's appointment at the May 18, 2023 regular meeting. She will begin serving GUSD on July 1, 2023. She will succeed current GUSD Superintendent Deborah A. Flores, who announced her retirement earlier this year, effective June 30.

The GUSD Board of Education hired Leadership Associates to conduct an extensive search to identify prospective candidates for the superintendent vacancy. Leadership Associates gathered input from GUSD administrators and staff, families and community members via in-person and virtual sessions, and an online survey. This provided critical information in identifying desired qualities in the District's next superintendent.

GUSD Board President, Linda Piceno said, "We are thrilled to have Dr. Munshi return to Gilroy as our new Superintendent. She is an innovative leader who is well-versed in the needs of our students and the challenges and opportunities facing our District."

Dr. Munshi earned her doctorate from San Jose State University. She holds a Master of Arts in Education and a Bachelor of Science degree, both from National University. She currently serves as the Associate Superintendent of Professional Learning and Educational Progress Division for the Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE). She has also been the Assistant Superintendent of the Human Resources Division and the Director of Human Resources for SCCOE.

Dr. Munshi began her career in education with the Gilroy Unified School District, first as an elementary school teacher, and then as an assistant principal at South Valley Middle School and Ascencion Solorsano Middle School. Before leaving the District for the County Office of Education, she was the principal at South Valley Middle School from 2011-2016. She also served as a Trustee for the GUSD

Her experience with the Gilroy Unified School District, combined with her County Office of Education leadership in educational practices and human resources, uniquely qualifies her for the role of Superintendent.

Dr. Munshi said, "I am honored to return to GUSD. I am excited to create new relationships with our staff, students and their families, and the Gilroy community. I am grateful to the Board of Education for placing their trust in my leadership as we educate our students for college, career and beyond."

Dr. Munshi resides in Gilroy with her husband, and is the mother of two adult daughters, both of whom are graduates of GUSD schools.



Los Gatos-Saratoga Union High School District

State Championships and Multiple Regional Awards, Both Los Gatos and Saratoga High Schools Finish Spring Athletics with Impressive Results

The Los Gatos-Saratoga Union High School District is proud to share the unprecedented Spring Sports season performed by both Los Gatos and Saratoga High School sports teams and individual athletes.

Both high schools were honored by placing in the top 2 at the State level competitions. Los Gatos High School's Boys 4x400m Track & Field relay team of Levi Romero, Jake Bohane, Brady Kamali, and Wil Brennan, finished 2nd in the state with a time of 3:13:97, breaking a CCS record from 1988.

Additionally, Saratoga High School freshman Kelsey Zhang, a San Jose Mercury News Athlete of the Week, placed 1st for the 100 fly at the state competition with a time of 52.94. While we are incredibly proud of our athletic teams winning championships, both schools have invested time and resources to ensure students more importantly gain leadership, character, and tenacity.



Moreland School District

Payne Elementary School Principal Wins 49er Foundation Award Grant

George C. Payne Elementary School Principal Katie Berg, was selected as one of ten educators to receive the Dr. Harry Edwards "Follow Your Bliss Award" through the San Francisco 49ers Foundation and the Micron Foundation. Honored at an award ceremony on May 18, 2023 at Levi's Stadium, Katie received a \$2,000 stipend for in-classroom materials

and resources.

Katie was among the award winners selected for her superlative achievement in education, honoring those who lead our future generation with purpose, passion, dedication, and love despite uncertainties and any hurdles they may face. Katie's focus on social emotional learning is just one of the many tangible reasons that she was nominated. Starting and maintaining these important conversations with students as young as Kindergarten about their feelings, Katie believes that this focus will help them be more well rounded people later in life who can work through their challenges and feelings in safe and healthy ways.

The Follow Your Bliss Award program was created in 2017 honoring educators across the San Francisco Bay Area who lead the future generation with purpose, passion, productive potential, and love.



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