

SCCSBA November 2018 Newsletter

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President's Message - by Ellen Wheeler

"You Gotta Have Heart"

Fall brings together three of my favorite subjects: baseball, theater, and politics. Add in successful school board work, and my mind takes off. If you're a musical theater lover, you know where I'm going with this. In *Damn Yankees*, one of the opening songs describes how the players have to work together, and they use the trope (also used in *The Music Man* with school board members) of a barbershop quartet. They sing the famous song "You Gotta Have Heart" to describe how working together as a team makes for successful results.

I thought about this when our officer team started grappling with an issue behind the scenes. As we were planning for our traditional SCCSBA reception at the CSBA convention, we became aware that the venue for that planned reception, the Marriott Hotel, was experiencing a strike. What to do? Keep our reception as is? Some of our members said they'd never crossed a picket line and didn't mean to start now. Others of you said that one of the things we stand up for in our education work is the value of unions. What about cancelling our reception and waiting till next year? (Shades of baseball, again.) Our officers asked Bonnie Mace if she could work with our host, Sodexo, to see if they'd host our reception if we found a different venue. Could we find a different venue in San Francisco in the busy December holiday and party season? VP Melissa Baten Caswell suggested a few places and lickety split Bonnie contacted and secured our reception at the Thirsty Bear.

I am very proud of our officer team (Melissa, Fiona, Jodi, and me, plus Executive Director par excellence Bonnie Mace) who worked as a team with heart to come to a happy solution that we can all be proud of. Now, party on!!!!

SCCSBA Monthly Meeting - Wednesday, November 14 at SCCOE

Please join us for our upcoming November 14 SCCSBA meeting. Our topic will be **"From Silos to One System - Special Education in Santa Clara County and the Essential Role of Boards of Education"**.

We will learn more about special education funding and opportunities in our county. Our special guest speakers will be SCCOE Superintendent Dr. Mary Ann Dewan, Anna Marie Villalobos (Director SPED Project at SCCOE), Leo Mapagu (SELPA Director), and Ashley Cheechoo (Inclusion Collaborative).

Meeting Date - Wednesday, November 14
Meeting Time - 7:30-9:00 p.m. (Networking from 7:00-7:30 p.m.)
Meeting Location - Santa Clara County Office of Education, Cupertino Room (Third Floor)

All Trustees are welcome to attend.



SCCSBA Reception on Thursday, November 29

Come and join us for a FREE SCCSBA reception at the **Thirsty Bear Organic Brewery** on Thursday, November 29 from 5:30-7:00 p.m. The address is 661 Howard Street in San Francisco.

This reception will take place in conjunction with the CSBA Annual Education Conference in San Francisco. This is a great way to unwind after a long day at the CSBA Conference and network with fellow school board members. We will have tapas appetizers and a no host bar at this really fun location! All trustees, superintendents and spouses are invited to attend.

This annual event is sponsored by Sodexo.

To register, please visit <https://nov29reception.eventbrite.com>

Hoffmann Awards Applications Available Online Deadline is Friday, December 7

Hoffmann Awards Chair Hugo Jimenez would like everyone to know that applications for the 2018-19 Hoffmann Awards are now open. Applications and supporting documents are posted on the Home Page of our Website at www.sccoe.org/sccsba.

Applications will be accepted as a PDF or Word attachment via e-mail to Executive Director Bonnie Mace at execdirector@sccsba.org.

The deadline is **Friday, December 7**. To allow sufficient time for site visits in February and March, there will be no extensions.

Winners will be notified at the end of March. The 2019 Hoffmann Awards will be presented at the Association's Hoffmann Awards Dinner on Wednesday, April 24, 2019.

We are also looking for Application Readers for the 35th Annual Hoffmann Awards. Each reader will need to recruit one Administrator to read and score with him or her. If you would like to be a reader for the applications, please contact Executive Director Bonnie Mace at execdirector@sccsba.org.

New Board Member Training - Saturday, January 12, 2019

The Santa Clara County School Boards Association and the Santa Clara County Office of Education would like to invite you to our **New School Board Member Training on Saturday, January 12 from 8:30 a.m. to Noon**. The training will be held in the Oak Grove Room of the Santa Clara County Office of Education (1290 Ridder Park Drive, San Jose).

New school board members have found this to be a very useful and informative training providing the opportunity to hear from different legislators, school board members and school administrators from throughout the county. This training is completely free of charge, and it is an invaluable opportunity to learn from leaders with deep experience in school board governance in our county.

Executive Director Bonnie Mace will be contacting all new trustees about this training.

CSBA Annual Education Conference: November 29 - December 1

We wanted to share the list of upcoming CSBA conference sessions that have SCCSBA participants. Please come and show your support for our own SCCSBA trustees. For more information on the workshops, visit csba.org.

Thursday, November 29:
Assume Positive Intent: Elements of a Framework Workshop

Wellness: A District and Community Endeavor Workshop

Supporting Students who Identify as LGBTQ+: Student and Expert Perspectives

Friday, November 30:

The English Learner Roadmap: Defining the Board Role in English Learner Success Workshop

Optimizing School Systems Using Data as a Flashlight, Not a Club: A Proven Equity Approach Workshop

Love 4 Literacy: Creating Academically Equitable Communities Workshop

Welcoming with Open Arms: Incorporating New Members into a Strong Governance Team Workshop

Collaboration in Governance: Santa Clara USD's Labor Management Initiative Workshop

SCCSBA Calendar of Events and Activities for 2018-19

Thursday, November 29 - Saturday, December 1, 2018 - CSBA Annual Education Conference in San Francisco with SCCSBA Reception on Thursday, November 29 from 5:30-7:00 p.m

Saturday, January 12, 2019 - SCCSBA New Board Member Training at SCCOE, 8:30 a.m. - Noon

Wednesday, January 23, 2019 - SCCSBA Monthly Meeting at SCCOE, 7:30-9:00 p.m. (Topic: State of the County, Guest Speaker: Dr. Mary Ann Dewan, County Superintendent)

Wednesday, February 27, 2019 - SCCSBA Monthly Meeting at SCCOE, 7:30-9:00 p.m. (Topic: Career Technical Education - New Trends and Opportunities)

Saturday, March 2, 2019 - SCCSBA Legislative Brunch at MetroEd, 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Wednesday, March 27, 2019 - SCCSBA Monthly Meeting at SCCOE, 7:30-9:00 p.m. (Topic: Early Learning featuring Guest Speaker Ted Lempert, Children Now)

Wednesday, April 24, 2019 - SCCSBA Hoffmann Awards Dinner, Venue TBA, 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 22, 2019 - SCCSBA Passing the Gavel Dinner, Hong Fu Restaurant, 6:00-8:00 p.m.



Next SCCSBA Friday Lunch - January 11, 2019

Our next SCCSBA Friday Lunch will be held at **Aqui** in Cupertino on Friday, January 11. The address is 10630 South De Anza Blvd, Cupertino). The lunch will run from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. All trustees are invited to attend. It's a great chance to network and share ideas.

Upcoming SCCSBA Friday Lunches

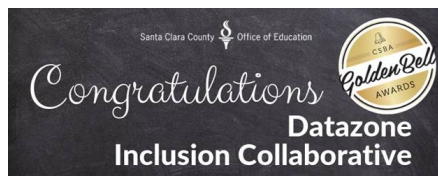
Friday, February 1, 2019 - Sweet Tomatoes (625 Coleman Ave, San Jose)

Friday, March 1, 2019 - Panera Bread (1706 Oakland Rd, San Jose)

Friday, April 5, 2019- Country Gourmet (1314 South Mary Avenue, Sunnyvale)

Friday, May 3, 2019 - TBA

Friday, June 7, 2019 - TBA



Santa Clara County Office of Education Spotlight

SCCOE programs honored with two Golden Bell Awards

The Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE) has received two Golden Bell Award from the California School Boards Association (CSBA) for two programs: the Annual Inclusion Collaborative State Conference and DataZone. This award recognizes outstanding programs and governance practices of school boards in school districts and county offices of education throughout California; CSBA acknowledged 51 exemplary programs.

Both programs will be honored at a reception and ceremony on Thursday, November 29, from 5 to 7 p.m. at CSBA's Annual Education Conference and Trade Show in San Francisco at the San Francisco Marriott Marquis located at 780 Mission Street.



District Highlights

East Side Union High School District

Articulation is Power

Articulation is Power (AIP) offers students the opportunity to explore their voices and grow as writers and creatives. Students in the program will be mentored by industry professionals. At the culmination of the program, participants will become published authors with a selected work featured in the AIP Anthology for the 2018-19 school year. Students meet on Saturdays in this 12-session program.

Black Boy Poems author, Tyson Amir, created and leads the AIP program to inspire and mentor our youth as writers and creatives.

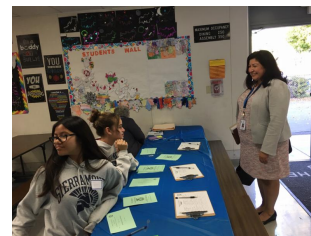
Berryessa School District

Parent University

Berryessa School District recognizes that parent involvement in a child's education has a positive correlation with a child's academic success. Each year, we invite all Berryessa parents to attend our district's annual Parent University, and this year over 90 parents and their children attended on Saturday, October 20, 2018 between 8 am – 12 noon at Northwood Elementary School. During the general session, parents learned about 'Lifelong success with a growth mindset' from Krista Castillou, Toyon Elementary School Principal. Parents were then provided an opportunity to choose from six different workshops that included the following:

- Internet Safety
- Friendships: Their Importance and How-to's
- The Pathway to College Begins in Kindergarten
- Building and Strengthening Language With Your Child
- A Parent's Survival Guide to Middle School
- Reading to Learn

After attending the workshops, parents were able to visit with our community partners: First Five, Berryessa Community Center, High Tech High Heels and the San Jose Public Library to gather information and learn about events and opportunities for their children.



Milpitas Unified School District

Milpitas Unified School District's Bond Measure AA passes at 68.63 percent

The passage of general obligation bond Measure AA in Tuesday's midterm election marks a feat of voter affirmation for the Milpitas Unified School District.

"The community's 'Yes on AA' has ignited the momentum towards realizing our Strategic Goals and reimagining school for our future MUSD graduates!" Superintendent Cheryl Jordan said.

It passed by a 68.63 percent margin (5,689 votes), with 31.37 percent (2,600 votes) opposed, according to the Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters office. In Milpitas, 8,289 residents voted (27 percent) of 29,931 total registered voters.

"Thank you Milpitas for casting your vote in favor of Measure AA," said Daniel Bobay, Board of Education President. "We appreciate your confidence in the school district and we appreciate our partners in the city."

Jordan and Bobay were one of approximately 20 people, including district officials, students, and family

members, who joined for a pizza party at Mountain Mike's on Tuesday to monitor Measure AA results online.

Just after 8 p.m., when 26 percent of precincts had been reported, 67.8 percent had voted in favor of the measure... A resounding YES for MUSD!

[Read the full article here.](#)

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