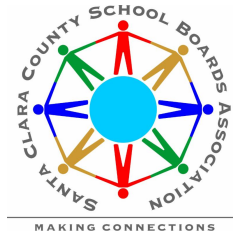
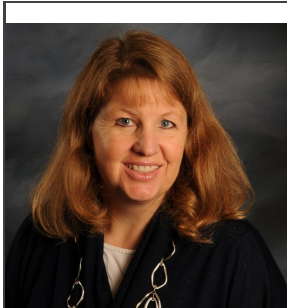


Have a happy and safe Thanksgiving!



SCCSBA November 2020 Newsletter

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President's Message - by Fiona Walter

Hello SCCSBA Team,

I hope this newsletter finds you safe and healthy as we move toward the Thanksgiving holiday. Yesterday I saw extended family (two people, outside, socially distanced!) for the first time in many months. This small glimpse at normal was most welcome.

Congratulations to those of you who were elected on November 3rd. For those new and returning, we look forward to our ongoing partnerships. To our retirees, we send a thank you for your dedication to both your own districts and the county. Our students are better served today because you stepped in as their advocates.

Finally, thank you to those of you who joined us on October 28th to hear Tia Martinez speak. An additional highlight that evening was the Mountain View High School Madrigals choir performance. Many of you asked about future opportunities to hear this choir. Their fall concert was last Friday, with a theme of "Hope Lingers On." As promised, Jill sent me this link to share with all of you: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=akillpGwRNY&feature=youtu.be>. The concert is a half-hour long, best watched on a larger screen so you can see faces, but of course playable on any device with youtube access.

Looking forward to seeing all of you on Wednesday, where we'll be joined by John Gray and Leilani Aguinaldo from School Services to talk about Negotiations during Covid as well as things to watch for in the coming budgeting cycle.

Take care and Happy Thanksgiving!
Fiona

November 18 - SCCSBA Evening Zoom Meeting Featuring John Gray from School Services of California

Reminder for our November 18th evening meeting (7:30 pm):
Mr. John Gray, President and CEO of School Services of California, will join us for a presentation on "Negotiations during Covid-19."

Bring your questions, concerns, example MOUs, and any other suggestions you may want to share.

The meeting will take place from 7:30-9:00 p.m. on Zoom. All trustees are invited to attend. You will receive a zoom link and calendar invitation from Executive Director Bonnie Mace.

November 19 - SCCSBA Zoom Meeting Featuring County Superintendent Dr. Dewan and Dennis Meyers and Cheryl Ide from CSBA

Our next Zoom meeting with Dr. Dewan will be held on November 19 from 1:00-2:00 p.m. All trustees are invited to attend. You will receive a zoom link and a calendar invitation from Executive Director Bonnie Mace.

Our additional guest speakers for this meeting will be Dennis Meyers and Cheryl Ide from CSBA. They will be discussing funding, digital connectivity and other important statewide issues.

Hoffmann Awards Applications Are Now Open Online

Hoffmann Awards Chair David Guidry would like everyone to know that applications for the 2020-21 Hoffman Awards are now open.

Does your school district take an imaginative approach to inspire and motivate students? Do you have an inventive way to reach students or involve the community that is a source of pride for your district? Nominate your original educational program to obtain countywide recognition for the outstanding work your district does.

Each year, the Santa Clara County School Boards Association selects several Glenn W. Hoffman Exemplary Program Award winners from among numerous applications. To be selected as one of the top programs in the county, your program must use innovative methods to enhance the learning experience, address the needs of targeted populations, demonstrate effective use of technology, increase family or community involvement, enhance accountability, promote student leadership, increase student wellness, or support core educational objectives.

Applications to be considered for the Glenn W. Hoffman Exemplary Program Award 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 execdirector@sccsba.org. The deadline to apply is **Friday, December 11**. There are no extensions to the application deadline to allow sufficient time for site visits in February and March. Hoffman winners will be notified in March after the site visits.

The 2021 Hoffmann Awards will be presented at the Association's Hoffmann Awards Dinner on Wednesday, April 21, 2021.

Student performers for Hoffman Awards Dinner sought

We're also seeking student entertainers for the Hoffmann Dinner on April 21, 2021. Student entertainers should be a small orchestra, instrumental group, or choir who can perform for about 30 minutes either in person or by zoom. Please send us a description and/or video clip of the group of performers from your district you'd like us to consider. This is their opportunity to shine!

The video clips or applications for entertainers should be sent to David Guidry at HoffmannAward@gmail.com by **Friday, January 15, 2021**.

Do you want to be a reader and/or site validator of Hoffman Award Applications?

We need readers and site visitors for the Hoffmann Awards entries. Each reader will need to recruit one district administrator to read and score with him or her. Readers cannot score their own district's entry. If you would like to be a reader for the applications, please contact us at execdirector@sccsba.org.

If you have any questions please contact Executive Director Bonnie Mace execdirector@sccsba.org.

**December 3
SCCSBA Virtual Reception at the Annual Education Conference**

We welcome all trustees, new and retiring, to our SCCSBA Virtual Reception on Thursday, December 3 from 7-8 p.m. We thought it would be pleasant to have an informal get-together at the CSBA Annual Education Conference, and so we invite everyone to grab a drink and snack and join us for socializing. You will receive the zoom link from Executive Director Bonnie Mace. We hope that everyone has signed up for the CSBA Annual Education Conference, which this year will be all virtual due to COVID. Hopefully next year, we will all be able to meet in person once again at the next AEC.

December 17 - SCCSBA Zoom Meeting Featuring County Superintendent Dr. Dewan

On December 17, we will hold a zoom meeting with County Superintendent Dr. Dewan. It will be held from 3:00-4:00 p.m. This will be our last zoom meeting for the calendar year, and we will resume with our virtual meetings in January of 2021. All trustees are welcome to attend this meeting, and Executive Director Bonnie Mace will send you the zoom link and calendar invitation.

Many thanks to Dr. Dewan for taking the time to hold bi-weekly meetings with our members throughout 2020.

SCCSBA Calendar of Events/Meetings for 2020-2021

CSBA Annual Education Conference in Anaheim
Delegate Assembly: Wednesday, Dec. 2
Virtual Conference, December 3-4
SCCSBA Virtual Reception, December 3 from 7-8 p.m.

New Board Member Zoom Training, Saturday January 23, 2021, 9:00-11:00 a.m.

SCCSBA January 27, 2021 Zoom Meeting, 7:30-9:00 p.m.
Candidate Presentations for CSBA Delegate Assembly
Speaker: Dr. Mary Ann Dewan, SCCOE Superintendent

SCCSBA February 24, 2021 Zoom Meeting, 7:30-9:00 p.m.
Nomination of Officers
Speaker: Dr. Anna Waring, Senior Program Director, Haas Center for Public Service
Topic: Equity in Education

Annual SCCSBA Legislative Brunch – Saturday, March 6, 2021
(This will be a Zoom or an In-Person Event depending on COVID conditions.)

SCCSBA March 24, 2021 Zoom Meeting, 7:30-9:00 p.m.
Election of Officers
Topics: Distance Learning from a National Perspective

Spring Hoffmann Awards Event, April 28, 2021, 6:00-9:00 p.m.
(This will be a Zoom or an In-Person Event depending on COVID conditions.)

Annual “Passing the Gavel” Dinner for Officers, Delegates and District Reps, May 26, 2021, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
(This will be a Zoom or an In-Person Event depending on COVID conditions.)

We will also host a variety of SCCSBA Zoom Meetings with County Superintendent Dewan throughout the rest of the school year. Stay tuned for ongoing information from Executive Director Bonnie Mace.



From our CSBA Region 20 Representative Marty Fatooh

Hon. Trustees,

Just a few weeks ago, we all witnessed record turnout for the November Election. Although much attention has been on the White House and key Senate races, the voters also turned out in large numbers for local school board races. Congratulations and thank you to all who ran for re-election during the most challenging of times for our schools, families, and communities. Also, we welcome many of our newly elected trustees who will take office in December and January. Like all new members, we

have reached out and extended a warm welcome to CSBA and the vast amount of trainings and programs we offer to new board members. A very heartfelt thank you to our retiring trustees. Your dedicated service and partnership is deeply appreciated and we look forward to keeping in contact as you

transition into your future endeavors. Keeping that promise, I will be working to put together a **Former Trustee Working Group**. This group will serve as a local advisory body and could potentially meet on a monthly or quarterly basis. As this would be a pilot group, former trustees from CSBA Region's 5 (SF/San Mateo) and 20 (Santa Clara County) would be welcomed to join. Myself and Director Gonzalez will be following up with more information and if you are interested in participating, please do not hesitate to reach out.

There is still time to apply for **CSBA Delegate Assembly!** Nomination, appointment, and biographical sketch forms are being accepted until January 7, 2021. It is the responsibility of the nominee to confirm that all required paperwork is received by or before the due date. If you have any questions on the process or want to learn more about DA, please feel to contact myself or Region 20 Director, Albert Gonzalez.

The fight for **Full and Fair Funding** is not over and CSBA is dedicated to helping advocate and secure more funding for LEA's throughout the State. Next week, **CSBA Legislative Advocate Cheryl Ide** will join the SCCSBA call to discuss budget, funding, and will be on hand to answer any questions you may have.

As always, never hesitate to reach out, we work for you.
Happy Holidays and Stay Safe,
Marty Fatooh (mfatooh@csba.org)

Santa Clara County Office of Education Spotlight

Santa Clara County Office of Education COVID-19 Testing for Educators and Staff
We are pleased to announce free COVID-19 testing for Santa Clara County educators and staff is returning to the Ridder Park campus. Testing will occur in the San Jose Room from 12 - 6 p.m. on the following dates:

Friday, November 20
Tuesday, November 24
Tuesday, December 1

For educators and staff who have frequent interaction with the public, testing at least once a month is recommended. This type of COVID-19 test is a gentle and non-invasive nasal swabbing. The test is free regardless of insurance status. Insurance information will be requested but is not required, and co-pays will not be billed.

School District Highlights



Milpitas Unified School District

Milpitas HS teacher utilizes Swivl device to enhance instruction

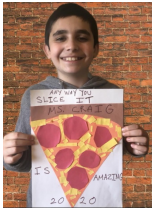
Brett Webber, an English teacher at Milpitas High School, loves his Swivl—and his students are reaping the benefits.

“With Distance Learning, teachers have been chained to our desks, stuck behind a screen, wearing headphones and talking to a microphone, making teaching a rather static and impersonal activity,” Webber said. “But the Swivl has changed that for me—it has liberated me from my chair, and taken me back to where and what I do best: in front of my students as a live, walking, talking teacher!”

A Swivl is a robotic mount for an Ipad, camera, or smartphone that comes with a remote control Marker. It is designed to track and, with the video capture abilities of the other device, record videos of a moving person. It was designed to capture presentations. Teachers can record their lectures and make them available for students online; either for review or to help an ill student catch up.

“I can move around, walk to the whiteboard to draw pictures, write up vocabulary, and act out my lessons for my students, just as I would have if they were in front of me,” Webber said. “The ability of the Swivl to follow me around has re-energized my teaching, and I am much more animated and active than before—back to the way teaching should be!”

The Swivl allows Webber to present to his class in similar fashion as he would if they were in the same physical classroom. Webber can hold the book, walk around, and be animated; more so than just sitting at his teacher's desk in front of a stationary computer screen.



Cambrian School District

Attitude of Gratitude!

Cambrian School District students are showing their gratitude to the amazing Cambrian staff during this Thanksgiving season. Students submitted photos with personal thank you notes on them for teachers. During this most unusual semester, the letters were greatly appreciated!

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