



SCCSBA November 2022 Newsletter

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President's Message - Bridget Watson

Hello SCCSBA Friends and Colleagues,

November is in full swing, and this late autumn's season of gratitude feels particularly essential to our role as trustees this year. The degree to which so many people in our community - our colleagues, partners, friends, neighbors, staff, and students - continue to be supportive of one another is both humbling and inspiring. I am infused with new levels of respect and empathy for the people around me, and the grit and resilience they demonstrate on a daily basis. People are showing up and doing the work - together. And that's pretty amazing.

Meanwhile, within the busy tumult of the elections there has been an overall re-commitment to ideals, service, and hope. Congratulations to those of you who were elected on November 8th. For those new and returning trustees, we look forward to our continued partnerships. To our retirees and those friends not returning as board members next year, we are grateful for your service and commitment to students in your own districts and countywide. You all make a difference.

Thank you to everyone who joined us at our Fall Dinner to hear the Student Panel from SCCOE's Student Wellness Advisory Group (S.W.A.G.) It was wonderful to see everyone and to hear perspectives from diverse youth across the county. We enjoyed the jazzy music together from Sunnyvale Middle School in the lounge area and from Morgan Hill's Live Oak High School on the patio, but the S.W.A.G. teens' personal advocacy for their mental health was powerful and memorable. Special thanks again to Wendy Sullivan for coordinating so many details with the venue, to our amazing Bonnie Mace for all her behind-the-scenes magic, and to our sponsors for making these student voices heard.

Supporting mental health and wellness is a priority for trustees across our county, and the approaching holiday season can create stress and pressure that may be even more challenging for people to handle after a few exceptionally difficult years. Please join us for our next meeting November 16, 2022 at 7:30pm. We will have a brief presentation about Kaiser's THRIVE program, a no-cost suite of wellness programs, resources, and toolkits for public school students and staff that is available to anyone, regardless of insurance status.

Thank you all again, for all you do,
Sincerely,
Bridget Watson

Call for Hoffmann Awards Applications for 2022-23

Hoffmann Awards Chair Isabel Jubes-Flamerich (Sunnyvale School District Trustee) would like to invite all school districts to apply for the SCCSBA Hoffmann Awards for 2022-23.

The Hoffmann Awards Applications are due on **Friday, December 9, 2022**. The short application and guidelines will be posted on our website at sccoe.org/sccsba. This is a great way to recognize excellent programs in your district.

Here's a little more about the Hoffmann Awards:

Each year, the Santa Clara County School Boards Association selects several Glenn W. Hoffmann 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.

The 2023 Hoffmann Awards will be presented at the Association's Hoffmann Awards Dinner on Wednesday, **May 10, 2023**.

New SCCSBA Vice President and Treasurer

We welcome two new officers to our SCCSBA Board. **Jessica Speiser** (Los Altos SD) will become our new Vice President. **Rosa Kim** (Fremont Union HSD) will become our new Treasurer. These new officers will serve until the end of the school year.

Our special thanks to Wendy Sullivan (Morgan Hill USD) for her service as our SCCSBA Vice President.

November 16 SCCSBA Evening Zoom Meeting

Please join us at 7:30pm on Wednesday November 16th for our monthly zoom meeting. We will have a short presentation about THRIVE, Kaiser Permanente's free suite of resources targeted towards public school employees and students. Our guest speaker will be Ms. Kathryn Boyle, (she/her pronouns) who has been a member of the Kaiser Permanente Northern California Region Community Health team for 16 years. She is a Community Health Manager focusing on Thriving Schools, Food for Life, Housing for Health, and Thrive Local. In Santa Clara County, 65% of school employees who are insured have insurance through Kaiser, but the THRIVE program is available to anyone, free-of-charge, regardless of insurance provider or status.

CSBA Annual Education Conference in San Diego, December 1-3

We encourage all trustees to register for the upcoming CSBA Annual Education Conference in San Diego from December 1-3. This is a great opportunity to network and learn about public education issues in the multi-day event featuring workshops and speakers.

Our SCCSBA Reception will be held on **Thursday, December 1 from 6:00-7:30 p.m.** at El Chingon Mexican Restaurant (560 Fifth Avenue), hosted by Sodexo. This year's reception, like last year, will also include trustees from our neighboring San Mateo County School Boards Association. Trustees and superintendents are welcome to attend this free networking event.

Here is the link to register for the Reception: december1happyhour.eventbrite.com

CSBA Coast2Coast Advocacy Trip to Washington, D.C.

Registration is now open for CSBA's upcoming Coast 2 Coast advocacy trip to Washington DC, which will take place from Monday, April 24th- Wednesday April 26th, 2023 where you as a CSBA member will have an opportunity to shine a light on the issues affecting our State's 6 million K-12 students through meetings with members of Congress, the White House, and representatives from various government agencies.

As CSBA is no longer affiliated with NSBA, it is essential that CSBA members have a presence in our Nation's Capital, which makes next year's trip even more impactful.

Click [here](#) to sign up and have a look at this [video](#) highlighting last year's trip! Please contact our CSBA PACER Marty Fatooh if you have questions (mfatooh@csba.org).

SCCSBA Legislative Action Committee Update

Thanks to all the trustees who filled out our recent LAC survey. The survey is now closed and we will

present the data at the November 16 SCCSBA meeting, which will be used to determine our legislative priorities for the 2022-23 school year. The LAC is also hosting a workshop at the upcoming CSBA AEC on legislative advocacy.

Calendar of SCCSBA Events/ Meetings for 2022-23 **Theme: Envision, Encourage, Empower**

Wednesday, November 16, 2022 (On Zoom)
SCCSBA Monthly Meeting, 7:30-9:00 PM
Topic: Staff Wellness Programs

Thursday December 1 - Saturday December 3, 2022
CSBA Annual Education Conference in San Diego
SCCSBA Reception on Thursday, December 1, 6:00-7:30 PM

Saturday, January 2023
New Board Member Training
SCCOE

Wednesday, January 25, 2023 (On Zoom)
SCCSBA Monthly Meeting, 7:30-9:00 PM
Topic: The State of the County in Public Education, featuring County Superintendent Dr. Mary Ann Dewan

Wednesday, February 22, 2023 (On Zoom)
SCCSBA Monthly Meeting, 7:30-9:00 PM
Topic: Serving the Diverse Needs of English Learners around the County

Saturday, February 25, 2023 (Either On Zoom or In-Person)
Annual SCCSBA Legislative Brunch, 9:00 AM to Noon

Wednesday, March 22, 2023 (On Zoom)
SCCSBA Monthly Meeting, 7:30-9:00 PM
Topic: Building Partnerships for Wrap Around Services

Wednesday, May 10, 2023 (In-Person)
Annual Hoffmann Awards Dinner, 6:00-9:00 PM
Michaels At Shoreline

Wednesday, May 24, 2023 (In-Person)
Annual Passing of the Gavel Dinner for Officers, Delegates, and District Reps, 6:30-8:00 PM
Location TBD

(In addition to the above events/meetings, we will also be holding periodic Zoom meetings with County Superintendent Dr. Mary Ann Dewan which will be publicized later.)

From the CSBA Blog (csba.org)

CSBA talks emergency preparedness, cybersecurity with Cal OES officials

CSBA discussed school safety protocols and resources with California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) officials during the Oct. 24 webinar, "Saved by the Bell: Emergency response in California public schools."

While no one wants to think about worst case scenarios, planning for potential disasters is essential to keep school communities safe. Cal OES covered aspects of the three Rs — readiness, recovery and response — in relation to situations including natural disasters, school shooter incidents, cyberattacks and more.

To start, school leaders can familiarize themselves with California's [Standardized Emergency Management System](#) (SEMS), which is in place to respond to disasters. Schools, which are required to plan for disasters and emergencies as part of a comprehensive safety plan in accordance with California Education Code, fit into the local government/city level of the system.

SEMS is "based on incident command systems and is predicated upon a series of planning, training and exercises" that schools and local educational agencies are expected to participate in and utilize, said Cal OES Director Mark Ghilarducci.

The system has five levels: field, local government/city, operational area/county, OES region and state. Depending on the incident and availability of resources needed to handle it accordingly, things can escalate through the levels — pulling support all the way up to the federal level if requested by the state. Knowing the system is important to ensure that proper assistance comes in a timely manner should an emergency occur.

[Read More](#)

Santa Clara County Office of Education Spotlight

State Releases 2022 California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) Data

On Monday, October 24, the 2021-22 summary reports of the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress, or CAASPP, were released. Most students in 3rd through 11th grade typically take these annual tests in the spring of year. The assessments offer a review of progress measured against grade-level standards in English language arts and math.

Assessments resumed, after being waived by the state in the spring of 2020 and were optional in 2021 due to the COVID-19 global pandemic. The data concludes that 61% of Santa Clara County students met or exceeded standard in the English Language Arts and 51% of students met or exceeded standard in mathematics. This data provides a snapshot after a period of tremendous loss, disruption, and isolation for students, educators, communities, and schools.

Statewide data shows hopeful signs of learning recovery as compared to 2021 data. While scores are still down from pre-pandemic levels, according to the National Assessment of Educational Progress, California students lost less ground between 2019 and 2022 than students nationally.

This assessment information is essential for schools to review and use to plan individual conversations for students, teachers and parents about progress. The data points also offer a chance to learn from the pandemic. It also leans into the need to continue to support youth with expanded learning. The Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE) uses this information to help districts and schools reflect on how they can help students learn.

“The data illustrates that supporting students, in and beyond the classroom, has a positive and tremendous impact, and these efforts must be ongoing and sustained,” said County Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Mary Ann Dewan.

Santa Clara County Office of Education’s focus on learning recovery and acceleration, expanded community school models, equitable and inclusive instructional practices, overall student wellness, and school-based wellness centers are designed to address the learning and wellness needs of students. The SCCOE remains committed to: the work of the California Collaborative for Learning Acceleration (CCLA) project grant; maximizing student wellness on school campuses through the Youth Wellness Initiative; assisting schools with the implementation of expanded learning opportunities; expanding access to high quality early learning through the Resource and Referral Network, Steps to Success, and the Universal Pre-Kindergarten Initiative; and providing training for educators in evidence-based instructional practices.

The SCCOE hosts job fairs and Step into Teaching events and builds partnerships with colleges and universities in support of school districts’ efforts for workforce recruitment. For more information, visit <https://www.sccoe.org/jobopps/Pages/home.aspx>

For information on the California School Dashboard, visit: <https://www.caschooldashboard.org/>

School District Highlights



Cambrian School District

Cambrian 28-Year Board Member Retires Nov. 17th

Cambrian School District board of trustees member Randy Scofield will retire Nov. 17, 2022 after 28 years of service.

“The school district has been my focus since 1992,” Scofield said. “For me, the primary constituents that I serve are the students.”

Over Scofield's almost three decades of service to the school district, he has seen a lot of change — six superintendents have served under the school board's direction and student enrollment has grown by 36%. But more important to Scofield are the improved programs for Cambrian students, such as offering transitional kindergarten, providing the district's extended day program, opening district charter schools, increasing music and art education, starting Steindorf STEAM school, and developing ongoing revenue sources to sustain Cambrian's level of excellence at each of its six schools.

"Every one of those schools became a California Distinguished School," Scofield said. "I look at those things that I had a small part in helping drive to fruition."

Scofield first became a school board member in 1990, serving consecutively until 2008. He left the board for two years, being re-elected in 2010.



MetroED

SVCTE receives \$55,000 grant for Switch electric vehicle kit

Tom Nemeth, one of [Silicon Valley Career Technical Education \(SVCTE\)](#) center's instructors for the [Automotive Services program](#), is using his enthusiasm and expertise to ensure that his students receive a future-proof education.

"The future of EV (electric vehicles) is here," he said. "Our students will be working on electric cars if they are in the business. So what we need to do is prepare them."

Nemeth applied for a \$55,000 grant through the Cerritos Community College District's Advanced Transportation Technology and Energy Center, who awarded \$1.5 million to recruit additional high schools to participate in the Zero Emissions Vehicle High School Pilot Project funded by the California Energy Commission.

The grant was recently approved and allowed SVCTE to purchase a [Switch electric vehicle kit](#), which arrived Oct. 18. It can be assembled, disassembled and reassembled any number of times. The grant came with curriculum for Nemeth to use in his classroom. He also attended a comprehensive train-the-trainer workshop to receive the instruction needed to help his students assemble the vehicle. The Switch itself is a three-wheeled vehicle with a roll cage that is the length of a car and classifies as a motorcycle.

[Read more](#)

Photo Caption: SVCTE Automotive Services teacher Tom Nemeth shakes hands with Jake Clayson, vice president of product marketing and sales with DAKTIC, who informed him about a grant he recently received for a Switch electric vehicle.



Los Gatos-Saratoga Union High School District

Los Gatos-Saratoga Union High School District Marching Band & Choirs Win Regional & State-wide Accolades

Both Los Gatos (LGHS) and Saratoga High School (SHS) student musicians have won various awards for their exemplary performance in recent music competitions:

- LGHS Marching Band and Color Guard placed 2nd & was awarded "High Music" at the Independence Band Tournament on October 29, 2022.
- LGHS student musician, Zoey Zhu, won the "American Protege" Woodwind and Brass Competition designed for solo performers and ensembles. As a winner, Zoey has been invited to perform at Carnegie Hall in New York in the Summer of 2023.
- LGHS Choir Musician, Bella Kurani, auditioned and was selected to be a part of the All-National Honor Ensemble.
- SHS's Marching Band and Color Guard placed 4th out of 20 schools at the Western Band Association (WBA) NorCal Super Show at Sacramento State University, November 5, 2022. This competition also included the following individual honors:

Saratoga High School's Marching Band received 2nd place in the Visual Performance Caption

Saratoga High School's Marching Band received 3rd place in the Percussion Caption

- 19 LGHS School and 7 SHS Choir Performers were selected after a rigorous solo audition to represent their schools in the Coastal Regional Honors Choir.



Santa Clara Unified School District

SCUSD Board President **Jodi Muirhead** and Interim Superintendent **Dr. Gary Waddell** invite all school board trustees and superintendents in Santa Clara County to tour our three newest schools, all built on one large campus. Learn about how these award-winning, innovative teaching and learning facilities are designed to inspire the next generation of learners.

Please **RSVP here** by **December 7, 2022**.

We will tour all three schools, so please wear shoes that are comfortable to walk in for up to 90 minutes. Follow the signage to park at the high school campus. We will start the tour in front of the MacDonald High School Welcome Center.

We hope you can join us!



Berryessa Union School District

On October 27, 2022, the San Francisco 49ers and the Dairy Council of California teamed up to present BUSD with a \$10,000 Fuel Up To Play 60 Hometown Grant, during the Mobile Dairy Classroom Assembly at Majestic Way Elementary School.

During the Mobile Dairy Classroom assembly, Dairy Council of California Partnerships and Programs representative Alyssa McClelland spoke to the students about the Let's Eat Healthy Initiative and 49ers commitment to support healthier generations. Superintendent Roxane Fuentes and Board representatives were presented with a \$10,000 check from Sourdough Sam and Students participated in a "milk toast" sponsored by Crystal Creamery.



Milpitas Unified School District

Rose Elementary School honored with PBIS Gold Implementation Award

Alexander Rose Elementary School earned the Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) Gold Implementation Award. Principal Nanci Pass, Assistant Principal Ryan Startz and PBIS

Lead Wendy Lundeen shared the exciting news at the Oct. 25 Milpitas Unified School District Board of Education meeting along with this [video report on Rose's latest accomplishment](#)

"The Gold recognizes that we have solidly put in our Tier I interventions and plans for our social-emotional and behavioral expectations and our Tier II responses to students who are struggling," explained Principal Pass.

Moreland School District

Moreland Launching New Strategic Planning Process

Superintendent Dr. Clover Codd, on behalf of the Moreland School District, is launching a new strategic plan. The goal of this new strategic plan is to guide the district's direction and help prioritize the district's work, including new and continued goals and strategies to support every single student. The beginning of this valuable process starts with visits to every school community to hear from parents, students, and staff. Moreland's Strategic Plan was written in 2010, and revised in 2015. This is an incredibly exciting process to learn what's important to Moreland's incredibly diverse community and how the district will continue to provide a path for our students and staff to thrive.

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