



SCCSBA October 2018 Newsletter

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President's Message - by Ellen Wheeler

Do you know the old saying "The shoemaker's children have no shoes?" Why is it that we school board members constantly promote community building at our children's schools, but then too often we neglect our own community building? Why is it that we encourage and fund professional development for our teachers, superintendents, and staff, but then neglect our own professional development?

Luckily we have two exceptional community building and professional development opportunities coming up this month and at the end of next month. Our Annual Fall Dinner is Wednesday, October 17, and ALL school board members and superintendents are encouraged to attend. This is our chance to talk and break bread with fellow trustees and superintendents. How refreshing to learn that others are dealing with the same problems! How invigorating to hear good news of our neighbors! I encourage you to take advantage of this fairly rare opportunity to interact with our county-wide school board community. You'll be glad you did.

And expanding our definition of community beyond our own county, next month's annual CSBA conference is in San Francisco this year, and I encourage any of you who can to go up to "the city by the bay." Meet new and old friends from around the state who are grappling with the same problems and joys as we are. I love the workshops and learn something from them every single year. We are better board members when we learn from other trustees and get this level of professional development.



SCCSBA Fall Dinner - Wednesday, October 17 Guest Speaker: Alejandro Vilchez

We are excited to announce that inspirational renowned speaker Alejandro Vilchez will be the guest speaker at our upcoming SCCSBA Fall Dinner. The topic of Alejandro's presentation will be "Involving hard-to-reach parents in their children's education".

The Fall Dinner will be held on **Wednesday, October 17** at Michael's Restaurant (2960 North Shoreline Boulevard in Mountain View). The time of the dinner is 6:00-9:00 p.m. The cost is \$45 per person. Registration is now formally closed, but contact Executive Director Bonnie Mace for more information (execdirector@sccsba.org).

All trustees and Superintendents are welcome to attend.

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.

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.

Santa Clara County Partnership Launches Voter's Guide on Children's Issues

With nearly 438,000 children living in Santa Clara County, it is important elected officials and voters understand how funding and policy decisions impact children's lives. In partnership with the Local Early Education Planning Council (LPC), Kids in Common, and Strong Start of Santa Clara County, the Santa Clara County Office of Education is hosting an educational, online Voter's Guide on Children's Issues at www.sccvoteforkids.org.

"Early Childhood Education and high-quality schools from kindergarten through twelfth- grade is a priority for our Board of Education and our office," commented, Dr. Mary Ann Dewan, County Superintendent of Schools. "To close the achievement and opportunity gap for all students, we must build a strong foundation with high quality preschool and access for all children."

The Voter's Guide for Children's Issues was created to ensure that the needs of children are not lost in a long list of priorities. Decisions made today about investing in children's safety, health, education and economic security have long-term effects on the quality of life in Santa Clara County. Because voters can exercise a critical voice for children at the ballot box, Santa Clara County Local Early Education Planning Council, Strong Start of Santa Clara County, Kids in Common, a program of Planned Parenthood Mar Monte, and Santa Clara County Office of Education created this Voter's Guide on Children's Issues.

This Voter's Guide is informational only and no endorsement of any candidate is intended. Candidates running for selected local, state, or federal offices in Santa Clara County were asked five questions about their priorities for children. Candidates were given several weeks to respond to the survey. The responses are in their words and are unedited. While the partnership attempted to contact every candidate, they were unable to reach more than 35 of the candidates for selected offices.

SCCOE Teacher Recognition Celebration October 22

Join the Santa Clara County Office of Education and all school districts at 7 p.m. on Monday, October 22, when we honor this year's best educators in Santa Clara County at the Campbell Heritage Theatre.

- [2018 Teacher Honorees](#)
- [2018 Invitation](#)

A Santa Clara County tradition enduring almost 50 years, the Teacher Recognition Celebration is the oldest and largest celebration of teachers in California and the most prestigious local award given to classroom teachers.

The Teacher Recognition Celebration every fall honors the county's finest teachers, each selected by their respective school districts.

The SCCOE produces the annual gala with the generous support of community partners Texas Instruments, Santa Clara County and Federal Credit Union.

Other event sponsors include Santa Clara County School Boards Association.

There is no RSVP required, and all trustees and superintendents are encouraged to attend.

Monday, October 22, 2018 - SCCOE Teacher Recognition Celebration at Campbell Heritage Theater, 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 14, 2018 - SCCSBA Monthly Meeting at SCCOE, 7:30-9:00 p.m. (Topic: From Silos to One System -Special Education in SCC and the essential role of Boards of Education)

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

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)

Saturday, February 2, 2019 - SCCSBA New Board Member Training at SCCOE, 9:00-11:00 a.m.

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.



SCCSBA Friday Lunch will be November 2

Our next SCCSBA Friday Lunch will be held at El Torito in Milpitas on Friday, November 2. The address is 477 East Calaveras Blvd. 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.

Friday, November 2, 2018 - El Torito (477 E Calaveras Blvd, Milpitas)
Friday, January 4, 2019 - Aqui (10630 S De Anza Blvd, Cupertino)

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

From the Desk of CSBA

New laws affecting K-12 education

CSBA's What's New For 2019 report is now available! This compendium of new laws impacting California public education contains a summary of each new law, CSBA's position and other key details. Download now.



Santa Clara County Office of Education Spotlight

Throughout October, the Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE) will share a weekly series of topics to help schools and the community plan for an emergency situation.

"This project is the work of Michael Vallez, our new Emergency Preparedness, School Safety & Security Administrator, and the Media & Communications Department. With my full support and encouragement, Michael and the Communications staff have created October as School Safety Month with a weekly series focusing on student, staff, and community safety," stated County Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Mary Ann Dewan.

[Read more](#)

San Jose Unified School District

Lincoln High School Students Shine at Washington D.C. Conference

It's not every day that high school students have the opportunity to gain an audience with United States Senators and Representatives in Washington D.C. This past September, a delegation of ten Lincoln High School students not only met with staff members from California Representatives Anna Eshoo and Adam Schiff 's offices and members from the office of California Senator Kamala Harris, they also had the chance to lobby directly to them regarding education issues.

Participating in an intense leadership conference hosted by SkillsUSA's Washington Leadership Training Institute (WLTi) and held Sept. 22-26, ten of the eighteen students selected to represent the California Student Delegation in Washington D.C. are Lincoln High School students from San Jose, CA.

To qualify, students needed to meet certain prerequisites such as leadership and technology demonstrations, in addition to being members of SkillsUSA, a national association that serves almost 400,000 high school, college and middle school students across the nation; preparing them for careers in trade, technical and skilled service occupations. While attending the leadership workshops, students learned how to effectively communicate with their legislative representatives and join in conversation around such topics as: the value of public career and technical education; the quality of their education and training; and their occupational plans. Delegates who participated in the Washington Leadership Training Institute (WLTi) functions and sessions, and demonstrated leadership in action also had the chance to earn the National Statesman Award. Seven of the ten Lincoln students attending the conference received Statesmen Certificates.



Milpitas Unified School District

MUSD debuts Public Service Announcement about Milpitas High School's Facilities Needs

On Thursday, September 6, the Santa Clara County Office of Education held a day for school districts to create Public Service Announcement (PSA) using their video studio. Milpitas High School Principal Francis Rojas, senior Anvi Brahmabhatt, and senior Christian Santos are featured in a [video about Milpitas High School's facilities needs](#). The PSA made its debut during Tuesday's Board Meeting. All of the videos recorded on PSA Day will air on CreaTV Classrooms; Cable Channel 28 in San Jose and Campbell; Bay Voice TV, Cable Channel 27 in Atherton, Campbell, Cupertino, East Palo Alto, Los Altos, Los Gatos, Menlo Park, **Milpitas**, Mountain View, Palo Alto, San Jose, Santa Clara, Saratoga, Stanford University, and Sunnyvale. They also provided the PSA in a digital format for online and social media outreach.

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