



SCCSBA September 2018 Newsletter

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President's Message - by Ellen Wheeler

Artspiration

"Joyous." That's how children look when they show you their first attempts at artwork. "Excited." That's how children act when they learn they can sing in their school's concert or can perform in their school's play. "Happy." That's how children feel when they learn that you are going to watch them perform, or come see their artwork displayed. Older children and teenagers still have those feelings, too. And lucky are they who have vibrant arts programs in their schools.

Why is it that the programs rich parents insist on for their own children in private schools are not the programs they insist on for all of our children in public schools? The arts are one of the first programs on the chopping block when we cut our budgets. And somehow, even when our budgets get healthier, districts justify keeping the arts out. Or they offer bare bones arts programs. How "priceless" are children's expressions of joy, excitement, and happiness in this age of accountability?

I am thrilled to invite you to hear our first speaker the year at our SCCSBA September Meeting on Wednesday, September 26. Jeannine Flores leads SCCOE's "Artspiration" endeavor. She'll present from 7:30 – 8:15 PM, and our business meeting will be from 8:15 – 9 PM.

Welcome!



Welcome to Our New Superintendents

Dr. Michael Grove Los Gatos-Saratoga Union High School District

The Board of Trustees of the Los Gatos-Saratoga Union High School District (LGSUHSD) is excited to announce that Dr. Michael Grove has been selected as the new District Superintendent, and will officially begin work on September 1, 2018.

Dr. Grove comes to LGSUHSD from the San Dieguito Union High School District in the north coastal area of San Diego where he most recently served as the Associate Superintendent of Educational Services. In that role, Mike led smooth transitions to the new state standards, enhanced student achievement and increased educational options for students through ongoing, transparent communication with families and staff, coherent professional learning for faculty

and staff, and development of innovative programs to meet the changing needs of students. He has worked effectively with five different feeder districts to ensure meaningful articulation so that students are positioned to succeed as they transition into middle and high schools. As part of their district's executive leadership team, he navigated recent economic challenges while maintaining high quality services and programs for students. He has been integral to ensuring that San Dieguito's \$449 million bond program provides world class facilities to meet the evolving needs of students and teachers in a 21st century learning environment.



Lisa Fraser
Loma Prieta Joint Union School District

A highly regarded administrator and strong community builder, Lisa Fraser is the new superintendent of the Loma Prieta Joint Union School District. She was selected through a national search conducted by Hazard, Young, and Attea. The Loma Prieta school board conducted first- and second-level interviews to narrow the field to final candidates, followed by a staff- and community-panel meeting concerning the finalists and the selection process.

Lisa Fraser is an accomplished instructional leader who was the principal of RJ Fisher Middle School in Los Gatos for the past 14 years. During that time, she developed a deep understanding of what it takes to help students succeed in middle school and prepare them for the transition to Los Gatos High School. Under Lisa's leadership, Fisher received a California Distinguished School honor, and was recognized numerous times as an asset champion by Project Cornerstone. She is known as a thoughtful, collaborative, and approachable leader with high standards and a big heart. The board is delighted that this fine administrator has joined our team.



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.

To register, please visit 2018falldinner.eventbrite.com

All trustees and Superintendents are welcome to attend. It's a great chance to bring your whole governance team!

Here is a little more info about Alejandro Vilchez:

Alejandro is a seasoned and recognized leader in the field of violence/gang prevention. He is a highly sought facilitator, trainer and public speaker with the ability to capture audiences in a fun yet focused manner in both English and Spanish. His areas of concentration are conflict resolution, youth development and non-profit organizational management. In 2004 he developed the Strengthening Neighborhoods Program that is now a model for law enforcement and neighborhoods working together to reduce street violence. He has served in multiple roles as a direct service provider, community liaison, grant writer, senior director and school administrator.

SCCSBA Monthly Meeting -
Wednesday, September 26 at SCCOE



Please join us for our upcoming September 26 SCCSBA meeting, focused on Artspiration and Arts in our County. SCCOE Visual and Performing Arts Coordinator Jeannine Flores will talk about the outstanding arts programs in our county, and how your districts can bring visual and performing arts programs to your schools.

Meeting Date - Wednesday, September 26

All Trustees are welcome to attend.

SCCSBA Calendar of Events and Activities for 2018-19

Wednesday, September 26, 2018 - SCCSBA Monthly Meeting at SCCOE, 7:30-9:00 p.m. (Topic: Artspiration and Arts in our Schools)

Wednesday, October 17, 2018 - SCCSBA Fall Dinner at Michael's Restaurant at Shoreline, 6:00-9:00 p.m.

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 Networking Lunch Calendar for the 2018-19 Year

Our very popular networking lunches began today. All trustees are welcome to attend these monthly Friday lunches at various restaurants around the county. Here is our calendar for the year below. If you have a favorite lunch spot, please let Bonnie Mace know (executivedirector@scsba.org). All our lunches are scheduled from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Come and join us for all or part of that time.

Friday, October 5, 2018 - OPA! (276 East Campbell Avenue, Campbell)

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 - TBA

Friday, March 1, 2019 - TBA

Friday, April 5, 2019- TBA

Friday, May 3, 2019 - TBA

Friday, June 7, 2019 - TBA

From the Desk of CSBA

Legislative Update – School start time bill on Governor’s desk

Senate Bill 328 (Portantino, D-La Cañada Flintridge), a measure opposed by the California School Boards Association, California Teachers Association, Association of California School Administrators, California Association of School Business Officials and others, was passed by the Legislature on Aug. 31 and sent to Governor Brown, who has until Sept. 30 to sign or veto it. The bill would prohibit all non-rural middle and high schools in California from starting the regular school day before 8:30 a.m.

More information about the bill and a link to a pre-written veto message which can be delivered to Gov. Brown, are available at www.csba.org/starttime.

Key CSBA-supported bills signed by Gov. Brown (as of Sept. 14):

Assembly Bill 406 (McCarty, D-Sacramento): The oft-debated issue of for-profit charter schools was settled on Sept. 7, when Gov. Jerry Brown signed AB 406 into law, prohibiting charter schools in California from being operated by a for-profit entity or operating as a for-profit enterprise.

AB 2285 (O'Donnell, D-Long Beach): This CSBA co-sponsored measure helps address the teacher shortage by more closely aligning California's credentialing requirements for out-of-state teachers with its requirements for renewals of in-state credentials.

AB 1747 (Rodriguez, D-Pomona): This bill increases the California Department of Education's responsibilities relating to school safety plans, and requires better consultation between school districts, school sites and first responders.

AB 2068 (Chu, D-San Jose). AB 2068 would require the Public Utilities Commission to direct electrical and gas corporations to evaluate and report on the feasibility and economic impacts of establishing a discounted public school electric and gas rate.

AB 2735 (O'Donnell): This bill prohibits an English learner student enrolled in middle or high school from being denied enrollment in core curriculum courses and courses required for high school graduation (except for English learners who are newcomers to the United States, as defined).

Key CSBA-supported bills awaiting action from the Governor:

AB 1951 (O'Donnell, D-Long Beach): "The Pathways to College Act" would help bolster college attendance for all students in California by allowing local educational agencies the flexibility to administer an alternate assessment (such as the SAT or ACT) for 11th-grade students in place of the Smarter Balanced Summative Test, if the alternate test has been approved by the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

SB 1127 (Hill, D-San Mateo): This bill would allow a parent or guardian to administer medical cannabis in a non-smoking and non-vaping form to their child on school grounds, if the child is a qualified cannabis patient with a doctor's recommendation. Parents would be required to bring the cannabis medicine with them to administer to their child on campus and to take it with them after administering the dose; the medicine would not be permitted to be left on school grounds and LEA staff are not required to handle or administer. Governing boards would be able to choose whether to opt-in and would have the ability to opt-out for any reason.

CSBA's "What's New for 2019" report detailing all newly signed bills will be released in early October following the Governor's signing deadline. (www.csba.org)

CALIFORNIA STUDENT DATA

Celebrating Student Success through the Use of Data



**Santa Clara County Office of Education
Spotlight**

Advance discounted pricing is available from now until September 15, for [California Student Data Day](#) a one-day statewide conference designed to examine the use of data to impact and support student achievement. Local, state, and

national experts will share how data-driven decision making affects student learning.

Guest speakers include author and director of the Education for the Future Initiative, Dr. Victoria L. Bernhardt and Hedy Chang director of Attendance Works, national and state level initiative addressing chronic absence.

Registration includes a complimentary continental breakfast, hot lunch, and plenty of parking. For more information contact [Rocio Palacios](#) at (408) 453-6983.



District Highlights

East Side Union High School District

Student Film "Dreamers" is Official Selection in Big Ideas & Official Latino Film & Arts Festivals

"Dreamers" was selected into two film festivals, Big Ideas Film Festival and the upcoming Official Latino Film and Arts Festival in October.

The film was created by three former Mt. Pleasant High School seniors during their participation in the school's award-winning Multimedia Academy. The Class of 2018 filmmakers include Luis Luna, Angel Mendoza, and Daniel Valderrama.

The film was selected among professional filmmakers across the country, a huge achievement and honor for a film created by high school students. The Official Latino Film and Arts Festival showcases films that are written, directed, and/or produced by U.S. Latino filmmakers from across the country with a mission to support these emerging filmmakers with culturally inclusive films and storylines.

You can view the film [here](#).



Berryessa Union School District

Proudly Launches Mandarin Dual Language Immersion Program

Berryessa Union School District is very excited for the launch of our new Dual Language Mandarin Immersion program for kindergarten and first grade at Cherrywood Elementary School. This is an exciting, enriching and challenging educational opportunity for 21st century learning. Students learn to collaborate, communicate, and think critically and creatively in all academic content areas in both English and Mandarin! Standards-based instruction in both languages ensures that all students are able to achieve high academic standards as they become bilingual, biliterate, and bicultural citizens.

Immersion education is an alternative educational model designed to provide students with fluency and literacy in two languages. In this program, all students develop literacy in Mandarin first with the gradual addition of English. Again, students in the Immersion Program are taught using the California State Standards in English as well as Mandarin, and utilize the same curriculum as used by all students across the District. Both English and Mandarin are taught daily and the students interact in both languages. Cherrywood Elementary School has begun with two kindergarten language immersion classes and one first grade class for this school year, while additional grades will be added in the future.

Berryessa Union is so pleased to provide this learning opportunity for our students! If you are interested in additional information, please contact our District Office at (408) 923-1800.



Sunnyvale School District

The Sunnyvale School District congratulates Lakewood Preschool for receiving the Quality Matters Inclusion Endorsement from the Inclusion Collaborative of Santa Clara County Office of Education

By participating in the 2018 Inclusive Classroom Profile (ICP) Pilot Project with First 5 Santa Clara County and the Inclusion Collaborative of Santa Clara County Office of Education, Lakewood Preschool staff attended special training and receive a rating of 5 or higher on their final ICP rating.

The Inclusive Classroom Profile is an observation rating scale designed to assess the quality of daily classroom practices that support the developmental needs of children with disabilities in an early childhood setting. ICP ratings on a 7-point scale indicate the extent to which program staff intentionally adapt the classroom's environment, activities, and instructional support to encourage children's active participation.

Moreland School District

Easterbrook Discovery & Latimer Middle School Students Chosen for City of Campbell Youth Commission

For the fourth year in a row, Moreland is proud to have student representatives on the City of Campbell Youth Commission. Eighth grade Easterbrook Discovery School student, Amelie Arango, and seventh grade Latimer student, Danielle De La Cruz, were selected to serve as two of only three Middle School representatives chosen from over 30 applicants. Both students have begun their first year as a Youth Commissioner and will act in an advisory capacity to Campbell City Council on matters relating to youth and teens. Commissioners are appointed to a one year term and can re-apply to serve a maximum of three terms.



Milpitas Unified School District

Video premieres about Mabel Mattos Elementary School

Milpitas resident and former long-time teacher Robert Burrill, known for his work on the movie "The Milpitas Monster," premiered a [video about Mabel Mattos Elementary School](#) during the Board Meeting on Tuesday. Edited by Burrill and filmed with a drone by Joe Flatley, Director of Facilities Modernization, it captures via time lapse the work that was done from February 6, 2018 to August 2, 2018 to construct the school. It also includes footage from the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on August 7 and the first day of school August 16.

Following the video, Superintendent Cheryl Jordan, Board Members, and Executive Cabinet recognized Burrill and Flatley for the video. Trustees then honored the Mattos school team, including Flatley, Brian Shreve, Director of Maintenance, Operations, and Transportation, and Wendy Zhang, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services for their work in addition to the those companies who contributed to the construction of the school: Blach Construction, IBI Architects, JL Construction, and the City of Milpitas.

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