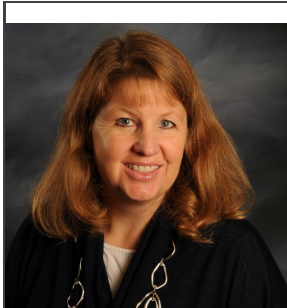


## SCCSBA September 2020 Newsletter

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### President's Message - by Fiona Walter

Hello Everyone, and Happy September!

Hope you are staying sane amid smokey skies, fires, Covid, and reopening of schools! Crossing fingers that no other craziness comes our way! I'm so grateful for the things that are going well. Things in my life include...

John Horner (MHUSD): Special thanks to John Horner (MHUSD), our new chair of the SCCSBA Legislative Action Committee as well as our five new committee members. See their update below!

David Guidry (LGSUSD): Hoffmann Award application season is coming! Stay tuned for more info mid-October. Thank you to David Guidry, our 2021 Hoffmann Chair, for stepping up to lead this important program.

Bonnie Mace (EESD): We do not exist without Bonnie and Covid has created more logistical issues than we ever dreamed. A thousand thanks for many zoom set-ups, calendaring, working with the County Office of Education, and especially for all the post-meeting meetings with me!

Looking forward to seeing you Tuesday at our Pros and Cons session on Propositions 15, 16, and 18.

Cheers,  
Fiona

### September 22 - SCCSBA Zoom Meeting Topic: Propositions 15, 16 and 18

Join League of Women Voters representative Pete Stahl for a nonpartisan view of three important propositions on the November ballot:

**California Proposition 15, the Tax on Commercial and Industrial Properties for Education and Local Government Funding Initiative**, is on the ballot in California as an initiated constitutional amendment on November 3, 2020

**California Proposition 16, the Repeal Proposition 209 Affirmative Action Amendment**, is on the

**California Proposition 18, the Primary Voting for 17-Year-Olds Amendment**, is on the [ballot in California](#) as a [legislatively referred constitutional amendment on November 3, 2020](#).

The Zoom Meeting will be held from 12:00-1:00 p.m. This meeting is open to all trustees.

About Pete Stahl: Pete has been presenting Pros & Cons for the League of Women Voters since the 1980s. He lives in Mountain View and works as a product designer for a major Silicon Valley company. For fun, he plays oboe in Redwood Symphony, and looks forward to the day the orchestra can reconvene to make great music together.



## September 23 - SCCSBA Zoom Meeting Featuring Marsha Deslauriers

### Executive Director, Community Health Awareness Council

Our SCCSBA evening meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 23 from 7:30-9:00 p.m. on Zoom. All trustees are always welcome to attend.

Our featured guest speaker will be Marsha Deslauriers, the Executive Director of the Community Health Awareness Council. Her topic will be Mental Health Trends and Solutions during Distance Learning, a hot topic during this stressful time of COVID.

Marsha is the Executive Director of CHAC, (formerly Community Health Awareness Council) a non-profit, community-based mental health agency that has been providing counseling and mental health services to the school districts and communities of Mountain View, Los Altos, Los Altos Hills and surrounding areas for 47 years.

Marsha Deslauriers is a seasoned executive providing transformational leadership in the social sector. She is passionate about delivering results in challenging environments in the pursuit of equity for all. She has a background in Fortune 50, start-ups and non-profits, and has held senior financial positions with Target Corp, Federated Stores, Inc., and with start-ups in the business process improvement sector. She transitioned to the social sector with a passion for helping non-profit organizations achieve success by balancing respect for their mission with a viable business model. With a keen interest in supporting our communities on many levels, she also a member of the Board of Directors of Community Services Agency of Mountain View.

Marsha holds an MBA from UCLA's Anderson School of Management and a BS with Honors from Skidmore College. She and her husband, Rick, live in Palo Alto, where they raised two grown sons. In her infrequent spare moments, she enjoys cycling, yoga and exploring new vistas.

## October 1 and October 15 - SCCSBA Zoom Meetings Featuring County Superintendent Dr. Dewan

Now that school has started, we are moving our Zoom meetings with County Superintendent Dr. Dewan to every other week. Our two meetings with Dr. Dewan for the month of October will be on October 1 at 2:00 p.m. and October 15 at 3:00 p.m. All trustees are invited to attend. You will receive a Zoom calendar invitation from Executive Director Bonnie Mace.

A big thank you to Dr. Dewan for taking the time to meet with the SCCSBA members and to keep us informed about our ongoing changes to public education in Santa Clara County.

## SCCSBA New Legislative Action Committee

The SCCSBA's Legislative Action Committee held an inaugural meeting by Zoom on September 2, 2020. The initial members include six voting participants who are all current trustees plus four ex-officio (non-voting) members. The voting members are:

Nancy Newkirk, Sunnyvale School District, member

Melissa Baten Caswell, Palo Alto Unified School District, member

Chris Norwood, Milpitas Unified School District, member

John Horner, Morgan Hill Unified School District, member

Lori Cunningham, Cupertino School District, member

Bridget Watson, Sunnyvale School District, member

Albert Gonzalez, Santa Clara Unified School District, Regional Director, ex officio

Fiona Walter, Mountain View Los Altos High School District, SCCSBA President, ex officio

Bonnie Mace, Evergreen, SCCSBA Executive Director, ex officio

Marty Fatooh, CSBA Reg 20 PACER, ex officio

**At this first meeting a number of organizational decisions were made, all by consensus.**

John Horner was named the Chair person and Bridget Watson the Vice-Chair.

The initial committee structure has been established as follows:

- Seven voting core members including the six already named plus one more to be recruited, hopefully from the eastern area of our region.
- Four non-voting members - CSBA PACER, Region 20 Director, SCCSBA President, and Executive Director
- Voting members will serve two year terms and may be re-appointed at the end of their terms
- Voting members must be members of a SCCSBA school board to join, but may continue to serve on this committee after they have left a board.
- There will be a standing monthly meeting on the third Wednesday of the month from 3:30-5:00 p.m. Additional meetings may be called should circumstances call for it.
- The Chair and Vice Chair (Officers) shall serve a one year term with an option for an additional year (two year term maximum chosen by consensus of the committee).

**Other business discussed:**

- Mission Statement – Draft mission statement will be created using the San Mateo County School Boards Association's Legislative Action Committee as a starting point but focusing on our unique Santa Clara County needs and interests.
- Additional operational items, such as how voting members are selected and replaced, etc., will be fleshed out in the next six months.
- Legislative priorities – Members will continue to work on formulating the priorities, and a few ideas include broadband and digital equity issues, HR 7887 (Pandemic Child Hunger Prevention Act), state and federal funding, and having listening sessions with legislators.

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## **SCCSBA Calendar of Events/Meetings for 2020-2021**

**SCCSBA Zoom Meeting, October 28, 2020, 6:00-9:00 p.m.**

**SCCSBA November 18, 2020 Zoom Meeting, 7:30-9:00 p.m.**

**Speaker: Mr. John Gray, President & CEO, School Services of California**

**Topic: Negotiations during COVID-19**

**CSBA Annual Education Conference in Anaheim**

**Delegate Assembly: Wednesday, Dec. 2**

**Virtual Conference, December 3-4**

**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 – DATE TBD, Saturday in March, 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.**

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# Santa Clara County Office of Education Spotlight

## Santa Clara County Downgrades to Red Tier

Santa Clara County is at the Red Risk Level under the State's new COVID-19 reopening framework. That means certain activities can resume, and certain businesses can reopen indoor operations at reduced capacity. Some indoor businesses and activities are still too high risk to allow at this time, however, and the local order and directives ensure that people who live in the county are protected from these risks. For example, movie theaters, indoor gatherings, and indoor dining are not yet permitted to reopen under Santa Clara County's Order. Remember to follow the more restrictive set of rules. Continue to keep your distance, wear your mask, and get tested. More details at [click here](#).

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## CSBA Monthly Update from our Public Affairs and Community Engagement Representative (PACER) Martin Fatooh

First and foremost, our thoughts are with the victims and impacted communities of the Complex Fire in Santa Cruz, Santa Clara, and San Mateo counties. CSBA has been closely monitoring all of the fires throughout Northern California and through the [CSBA 2020 Fire Relief Fund](#), we are supporting the efforts of the American Red Cross.

This past month, students across Santa Clara County and California have returned to school through distance learning, with small groups of students returning to limited campuses. Because of your painstaking efforts as well as the efforts of administrative officials and private partners, thousands of broadband assistance devices have been distributed to students in both rural and urban communities in Region 20. Although we are moving in the right direction, more needs to be done to ensure digital equity for students, with many of our students still have connectivity issues throughout California. I look forward to working with all of you and learning and listening to how we can best address this issue. At CSBA, bridging the digital divide is something that we do not take lightly and that begins at the top. Our CEO, Vernon Billy highlighted this in a recent [Cal Matters](#) editorial.

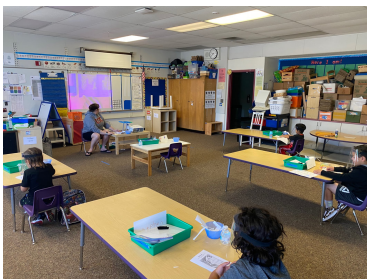
On August 31<sup>st</sup>, the California legislative session came to an end, with many ed-related bills now awaiting Gov. Newsom's signature. CSBA took positive positions on a number of bills which passed and thank you for your advocacy efforts. These bills include AB331 (Medina, Ethnic Studies), SB 793 (Hill, Flavored Tobacco Ban), and AB 1835 (Weber, Closing School Funding Loophole). [Here](#) is a complete look at all of the bills that are currently on the Governor's desk. As always, please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or concerns and thank you for your dedicated service to students and families in our communities, especially during these unprecedented times.

My email address is [ismfatooh@csba.org](mailto:ismfatooh@csba.org).

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## School District Highlights

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### Milpitas Unified School District

#### Kindergarten summer class offers glimpse into in-person instruction

A group of five MUSD Kindergarten students, along with their teacher, piloted an in-person summer school program this year at Alexander Rose Elementary School in Milpitas. COVID19 safety protocols, such as social distancing, wearing face coverings, and sanitizing hands, are all part of the daily routine agreed upon by all participating families.

The day begins with staff outside waiting as parents drop off their children in front of the school. Each student has a symptoms check, along with a squeeze of hand sanitizer, before moving to their designated spot. Each student is given six feet of social distance from the next. The students then walk in a single-file line to their classroom, where everything they need for that day is already at their desk.

At their desks, the teacher and students wear face shields instead of facemasks. They must keep them on for the entire school day. Nuno said the clear face shields allow teachers to see and evaluate their

students' expressions, while also permitting students to see the teacher pronounce words.

"(Ms. Lundeen) made it so they don't have to leave their desks, except for using the bathroom. If they do, they must wash their hands in the bathroom and then also use hand sanitizer when they come back into the classroom," described Summer School Principal Lori Nuno.

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