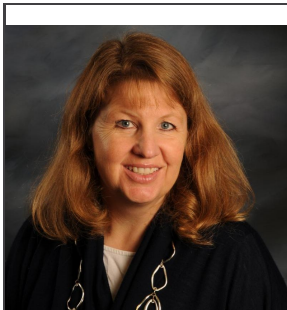


SCCSBA September 2021 Newsletter

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President's Message - by Fiona Walter

Hello, All,

I hope September finds you settling into the school year. I think both teachers and students were grateful for the long Labor Day weekend – they just needed that extra day to catch their breath and jump back in again.

Covid tracking and associated paperwork/testing is a full-time affair for most of our districts at this point. I know our superintendents connect with one another regularly. Please do the same with each other as school board members. Don't reinvent the wheel. I'm sure that whatever bumps you are encountering, someone in the county has also experienced. Feel free to send questions my way if you're not sure who might have the answer you need. The collective years of experience across our group should not go to waste!

Please be sure to join us next Wednesday (22nd) for our first evening meeting of the year (more info below). We are still on zoom for our monthly meetings, but our Fall Dinner in October will be in person. Watch for an Eventbrite invitation from Bonnie Mace in the coming weeks. Special thanks to VP Bridget Watson for booking an outdoor patio with heaters to give us some additional space for this special event. Looking forward to seeing you soon.

All the best,
Fiona

Wednesday, September 30 SCCSBA Zoom Meeting with County Superintendent Dewan

Our next monthly meeting with County Superintendent Dewan will be Thursday, September 30 from 1:30-2:30 p.m. In October, she will join us via Zoom on October 14 at 2 p.m. Look out for the Zoom invitations in your email box.

Wednesday, October 27

SCCSBA Fall Dinner - Michaels At Shoreline

We are so excited to announce that our annual Fall Dinner will be in person this year. We will be holding the event at **Michaels At Shoreline**. Our featured guest speaker will be Ted Lempert, President of Children Now. The evening will run from 6:00-9:00 p.m. The cost is \$50 for this event.

Here is the link to register: falldinner2021.eventbrite.com

We will also be celebrating our new board members and Superintendents. All trustees and superintendents are invited to attend this special evening supporting all of our school districts and school boards.

Here a little info about Ted Lempert:

Ted Lempert is the President of Children Now, a national research and advocacy organization based in Oakland. Previously, Mr. Lempert was the founding CEO of EdVoice, a California education reform organization. Mr Lempert was also a California State Assemblymember representing San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties from 1996-2000 and 1988-1992.

Wednesday, September 22 SCCSBA Zoom Evening Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Please join us Sept 22nd for our first evening meeting of the year, featuring a panel of superintendents discussing the “Reimagining” of school as we all come back to in-person instruction on our campuses. We will also introduce this year’s event chairs, (hopefully) approve the 2021-22 budget, and provide updates from our Legislative Action Committee, our CSBA Region 20 Director Albert Gonzalez, and our CSBA PACER Marty Fatooh. Looking forward to “seeing” all of you (alas, still on zoom – watch for a reminder from Bonnie!).

Call for Hoffmann Awards Applications for 2021-2022

Hoffmann Awards Chair Carol Presunka (Trustee, Cambrian School District) would like to invite all school districts to apply for the SCCSBA Hoffmann Awards for 2021-2022.

The Hoffmann Awards Applications are due on Friday, December 10, 2021. The short application and guidelines will be available next week 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 2022 Hoffmann Awards will be presented at the Association’s Hoffmann Awards Dinner on Wednesday, April 27, 2022. We hope that this will be an in-person event.

CALENDAR OF SCCSBA EVENTS/MEETINGS FOR 2021-2022 Theme: Reimagine, Recovery, Renewal, Reflection

As the COVID situation is still in flux, we have based our calendar below on our current assumptions. In addition to the meetings below, we will also continue our monthly Zoom meetings with County Superintendent Dr. Mary Ann Dewan

October 28, 2021 SCCOE Teacher Recognition Celebration at the Corinthian Ballroom for the honorees and limited guests. Livestream will also be available.

Wednesday, October 27, 2021 at 6:00-9:00 p.m. In Person SCCSBA Fall Dinner, Michaels at Shoreline

Guest Speaker: Ted Lempert, Children Now

Topic: 2020-21 California County Scorecard on Children’s Well-Being

Wednesday, November 17, 2021 at 7:30-9:00 p.m. Zoom SCCSBA Monthly Meeting

Guest Speaker: Assoc. Supt. Curriculum Panel

Topic: Recovery (Summer School, SEL/Trauma, Struggling Students)

December 2-4, 2021. CSBA Annual Education Conference in San Diego

SCCSBA Reception: Thursday, December 2, 5:30-7:00 p.m., Location TBD

(Delegate Assembly – November 30 and December 1)

Wednesday, January 26, 2022 at 7:30-9:00 p.m. Zoom SCCSBA Monthly Meeting (including Candidate Presentations for CSBA Delegate Assembly)

Guest Speaker: Dr. Mary Ann Dewan, SCCOE Superintendent

Topic: The State of the County in Public Education

Wednesday, February 23, 2022 at 7:30-9:00 p.m. Zoom or In Person SCCSBA Monthly Meeting (including Officer Nominations)

Guest Speaker: TBD

Topic: Renewal (Professional Development and Inspiring Teachers)

Saturday, March 5, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. to Noon. Zoom or In Person at MetroEd. Annual SCCSBA Legislative Brunch

Wednesday, March 23, 2022 at 7:30-9:00 p.m. Zoom or In Person SCCSBA Monthly Meeting (including Election of Officers)

Guest Speakers: Superintendent Panel

Topic: Reflection (Looking back and looking forward – lessons learned)

Wednesday, April 27, 2022 at 6:00-9:00 p.m. Zoom or In Person Hoffmann Awards Dinner

Wednesday, May 25, 2022 at 6:00-8:00 p.m. Zoom or In Person Annual “Passing the Gavel” Dinner for Officers, Delegates and District Representatives



From our CSBA Region 20 Representative Marty Fatooh

Trustees,

I am writing this column on the night of this fast-paced recall election and it seems that Gov Newsom will hold his office for at least another year ('22 will be his second term race). Although CSBA does not take positions on individual candidates, we appreciate the attention and resources the governor and his office have provided to public education throughout the Covid-19 pandemic and it is our hope that he will continue to support public education throughout his tenure as governor of our state.

I wanted to share my heartfelt appreciation to all of you who participated in our advocacy against AB 438, which will drastically affect LEA budgets for years to come. Unfortunately, the wrong advice was given to many of our legislators and the bill was easily passed in both houses of the legislature. Currently, 438 is on Newsom's deck and our coalition will be stringently requesting that the governor refrain from signing this poorly written piece of legislation.

Many of you have reached out recently with regard to whether there will be a possible extension of the Brown Act exemption regarding teleconferencing. We supported a bill that is currently on the governor's desk for signature – AB 361. If he signs, it will address the expiration of his executive order. I will continue to update this body if there's any movement on the bill.

Thank you to all who joined us for our safety webinar on Monday. We are taking public disruption at meetings and personal safety of our members very seriously and we hope that the conversation was helpful. If you would like to discuss these matters further, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. If you missed it, I will be sending a recording of the webinar in my weekly blast from Bonnie.

As always, please do not hesitate to reach out, and thank you for your service.

Marty (mfatooh@csba.org)

Santa Clara County Office of Education Spotlight

Santa Clara County Office of Education Partners with County Registrars of Voters to Launch Educator Ambassador Program

In partnership with the Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters (SCCROV), the Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE) has introduced its inaugural educator ambassador program, designed to elevate

voting rights, community voice and voter registration.

As with high school voter registration weeks held in September and April, the goal of the program is to help teachers encourage youth to become engaged in the election process while providing information that can help facilitate voter registration.

"Participation in our country's voting processes is of paramount importance. I am reminded of what United States Senator and Civil Rights leader, John Lewis, stated about the significance of voting, 'The vote is precious. It is almost sacred. It is the most powerful non-violent tool we have in a democracy.'," said Santa Clara County School Superintendent, Dr. Mary Ann Dewan. "As adults we may understand the impact of voting for policy and electing leadership more than our youth. Educating our youth and encouraging their participation in the voting process can help them develop connection, ownership and leadership, as well as greatly impact their well-being and future."

Future educator ambassadors will be required to attend training that helps them develop outreach strategies, engage with students, gain support from others on their school campus and host and participate in voter registration events for youth.

"The Registrar of Voters Office is incredibly proud to be partnering with SCCOE to encourage Santa Clara County youth to vote and engage in civics and the democratic process," said Executive Director of the Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters, Shannon Bushey.

Educators are invited to attend the following four online workshops beginning in early November, which will be facilitated by the SCCOE History-Social Science Coordinators and staff from the SCCROV. Digital materials and resources will be provided. Educators participating in the program are also eligible to receive a stipend.

Workshops are as follows:

November 2, 2021: 9:00 am-12:00 pm

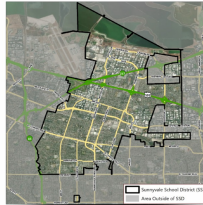
December 2, 2021: 3:30 pm-5:30 pm

January 11, 2022: 9:00 am-12:00 pm

February 2, 2022: 3:30 pm-5:30 pm

School District Highlights

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Sunnyvale School District

Sunnyvale School District seeking input on changing to by-trustee area elections

Like more than 300 school districts and 100 cities across the state, the Sunnyvale School District is changing to by-trustee area elections. Switching to by-trustee elections will require the District to create five geographic trustee areas within the District, each assigned to one seat

on the Board. Voters within each trustee area will vote only for candidates for the seat on the Board assigned to their trustee area. This is similar to elections for the Sunnyvale City Council.

Once the transition is approved, Board elections will be transitioned to by-trustee area elections beginning with the 2022 election. The current Board members will continue in office until the expiration of their terms in 2022 or 2024.

To learn more and to see the timeline for drawing the trustee areas please go to: <https://ca01902799.schoolwires.net/Page/5360>



East Side Union High School District

Aarav Navani, a junior at Evergreen Valley High School, developed a meal order application for ESUHSD students. After receiving district approval, he worked throughout the 2020 pandemic year with the district's IT department and the Director of Child Nutrition Services, to develop the app.

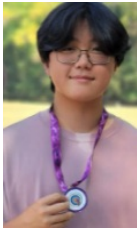
Aarav was able to design a program that not only allows the students to customize their meals and pay online, but it also allows cafeteria workers to gather data to quickly assemble the lunches in advance and decrease the lunch lines. The district expects to save money by reducing food loss, increase productivity by assembling the meals in advance, and better data tracking of popular meals and the number of lunches served each day.



Moreland School District

Moreland Highlights Student Community Service at Board Meetings

Throughout the pandemic, Moreland has looked for creative ways to incorporate students and families into their bi-monthly board meetings. Through student-led presentations at each board meeting, students have shared heart-warming and inspirational ideas and events, prompting additional philanthropic acts of kindness around the Moreland community. From neighborhood bake sales to online coding classes to student-led device refurbishment and donations, Moreland students have found new ways to reach out to their community and show leadership as we move forward together.



Cambrian School District

Ryan is an Archery State Champ!

Congratulations to Price Middle School 8th grader Ryan Jung for placing 1st in his age group in the 2021 Grapestake Archery State Tournament, 23 points ahead of his closest competitor! Cambrian School District is proud of Ryan and celebrates his outstanding achievement.



Milpitas Unified School District

Pair of MUSD Classified Team Members receive top CSEA awards

Two outstanding MUSD Classified Team Members received high honors from the California School Employees Association (CSEA) and were recognized by our Board of Education for their dedication to serving and supporting our learners in many different ways at the August 24 meeting.

CSEA president Machel Kessinger presented Lori Louie, a Milpitas HS staff secretary, with the Golden Bear Award and Abner Ames, a journeyman carpenter for MUSD, with the Donna D'Arcy Union Champion Award. MUSD Superintendent Cheryl Jordan and the Board then presented them both with Certificates of Recognition.

Congratulations go out to our award-winning MUSD Classified Team Members!

MetroED

Assemblymember Alex Lee Tours Silicon Valley Career Technical Education (SVCTE)

On August 20, Assemblymember Alex Lee toured Silicon Valley Career Technical Education (SVCTE) with MetroED Governing Board President Linda Goytia, Vice President Albert Gonzalez, Katherine Tseng, Superintendent Alyssa Lynch, and MetroED Foundation members Marc Baker and Carmen Villanueva.

Lee, a strong support of CTE, knows the importance of assisting students in building foundational skills and gaining hands-on experience. He understands developing the basis for high school students' future in postsecondary education and careers begins with top-rated programs. Students enrolled in CTE programs challenge themselves to learn advanced and highly technical subjects that will help them fill current in-demand jobs.



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