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## **County Office unveils new Charter Schools webpage**

**SAN JOSE, CA** – In an effort to provide additional transparency and provide easy access to information regarding charter schools authorized by the Santa Clara County Board of Education (SCCBOE), the Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE) has unveiled an updated webpage for the Office of Innovative Schools.

Working in partnership with the SCCOE's Technology Services Branch, the Office of Innovative Schools revised its website to create a clearer and more informative resource for the SCCBOE, charter leaders, families and community members.

The new site features quick links to each of the 23 SCCBOE authorized charter schools, with readily accessible links to each school's homepage, Charter Management Organization homepage, charter petition, board meeting schedule, School Accountability Report Card (SARC), Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP), admissions lottery process, parent and student handbooks, fiscal audit and other key resources.

"The County Office of Education has updated the Office of Innovative Schools website in an effort to provide the public with a user-friendly tool for accessing information on county authorized charter schools," said Jon R. Gundry, County Superintendent of Schools. "We believe this will continue to demonstrate our transparency around the authorization, monitoring and oversight processes for which the Board and staff are tasked."

The website also contains a section on charter school FAQs, while highlighting petitions and renewals that are currently under review.

Created in 2013, the Office of Innovative Schools coordinates the programmatic and fiscal oversight for charter schools approved by the Santa Clara County Board of Education. The office also serves as a resource for Santa Clara County's charter schools, school districts, state and local agencies, families and communities.