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### **“Step into Teaching” event Saturday will offer guidance for prospective teachers**

**SAN JOSE, CA** – If you are considering a rewarding career in the teaching profession, now is your chance. The Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE) will host [“Step into Teaching: Opportunities in Silicon Valley Public Schools Event”](#) this Saturday, June 18, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at 1290 Ridder Park Drive, San Jose, California 95131.

According to the California Department of Education: “Enrollment in California’s teacher preparation programs fell from more than 700,000 students during the 2008–9 school year to less than 500,000 in 2012–13. In 2014–15, the Commission on Teacher Credentialing issued 15,000 credentials, while the California Department of Education (CDE) projected the need for California schools to hire 22,000 teachers.”

While legislation is advancing at the state level, the SCCOE is acting locally by hosting “Step into Teaching.” Saturday’s event will begin with a keynote address by Dr. Christopher Edmin, an Associate Professor from Columbia University and author of the New York Times best-selling book “Urban Science Education for the Hip-hop Generation and For White Folks Who Teach in the Hood and the Rest of Ya’ll Too.” Attendees will learn what is needed to become a teacher, how to navigate the credentialing process, and information about compensation, benefits, and retirement. “Step into Teaching” will also provide networking opportunities with potential employers and the opportunity to interact with classroom educators and experts from Santa Clara University, San José State University, National University, UC Santa Cruz, and the Santa Clara County Office of Education’s [EPIC program](#).

“Teaching is a wonderful profession with challenges—but also great rewards,” State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson said in a state Press Release this month. “Teachers have the opportunity to have a profound positive impact in a young person’s life.”

“Step into Teaching” is designed for individuals with or who are completing their bachelor’s degree, business professionals with an interest in teaching, and classified school employees looking to transition into certificated positions. While advance registration has ended, spaces are available, please contact Michelle Fine at [michelle\\_fine@sccoe.org](mailto:michelle_fine@sccoe.org).

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