



Message from Dr. Mary Ann Dewan, County Superintendent of Schools

Dear Santa Clara County Community,

Equity, diversity, inclusion, and partnership are pillars the Santa Clara County Office of Education holds closely in its commitment to serving, inspiring, and promoting student and public school success.

On December 2, we are reminded of these pillars as the greater educational community celebrates the progress made since 1975 when the [Individuals with Disabilities Education Act \(IDEA\)](#) was made law. IDEA ensures the right for individuals with disabilities to receive a free and appropriate public education.

Advocacy and progress have brought students together and have helped educators provide support to students with a variety of needs. Last year, Senate Bill 692, The Special Education Inclusion Act, was signed into California law. The bill ensures students with special needs are general education students first, encouraging inclusion amongst students to learn and engage with their peers.

Advocates such as Yomi Wrong, spotlight progress that has led to graduations, higher education, employment, and/or community volunteering for students regardless of ability. She is a trainer, activist, and a disability justice dreamer. Yomi works in healthcare compliance to ensure people with disabilities have full access to quality medical care. She spoke at the 10th Annual Inclusion Collaborative State Conference this year, inspiring educators to reflect on how they can best support students of varying needs and abilities.

Community hubs are a vital resource to support inclusive practices. [The San Jose Public Library](#) has compiled information including resources for parents, social activities for children, resources for teens, and more. To learn more, visit: <https://www.sjpl.org/inclusive-services/>

The Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE) is an advocate for inclusive, high-quality education.



Mary Ann Dewan, Ph.D.
County Superintendent of Schools

- Inclusion Collaborative
- <http://www.inclusioncollaborative.org/>
- Warmline
- <http://www.inclusioncollaborative.org/warmline.aspx>

The SCCOE is committed to improving student equity and access to high-quality education for all Santa Clara County students.

We are #StrongerTogether.

Be well,

Mary Ann Dewan, Ph.D.
County Superintendent of Schools

SCCOE News



Visit the [SCCOE Newsroom](#) for the latest news and updates.

- [SCCOE YouTube Channel](#)
- [Milpitas High School Opens Wellness Center in Partnership with the Santa Clara County Office of Education](#)

Join the SCCOE Team

**Join our
TEAM!**

#WeAreSCCOE

WE ARE
HIRING

Santa Clara County  Office of Education



BECOME A PART OF **OUR** STORY

Visit the [SCCOE Job Opportunities Page](#) for the latest information and about job postings.

Substitute:

- [Substitute Overnight Program Specialist, Environmental Education](#)

Classified:

- [Paraeducator - Behavioral Assistant \(South County, Gilroy\)](#)

Certificated:

- [Teacher - Head Start \(184-day\)](#)

Community News and Resources



California State Parks Adventure Pass

Fourth grade students can sign up for the free California State Parks Adventure Pass! The Adventure Pass is good for free day-use entrance to 54 select California State Parks for students and their families and is valid until August 31, 2024.

To learn more, visit: https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=30666



SCCOE's Educator Workforce Pathways

The SCCOE has opportunities to advance your career with new credential options. Educator Workforce Pathways offers one on one support to help individuals secure grants and other funding opportunities to further their education.

To learn more, visit: <https://www.sccoe.org/educator-preparation-programs/Pages/ewp.aspx>



Free Musical Performances

The Santa Clara County Library District will host free musical performances of Beethoven to Broadway. This series will be at multiple locations across the county.

To learn more, visit: <https://sccl.bibliocommons.com/v2/events?q=beethoven>

School District News and Resources



Foundations of Equitable Grading

The SCCOE is offering an online, self-paced course for Foundations of Equitable Grading. In this training, attendees will reflect on current grading practices and how they support students,

explore equitable grading practices and how it impacts students, and more. This course has the opportunity to earn semester units. This training is available until December 31.

To learn more or register, visit: <https://na.eventscloud.com/760493>

**There is a cost associated with this training.*



School-Based Billing Training

The SCCOE invites school-based billing coordinators and other LEA staff involved or interested in school-based billing to join their virtual learning network. In this monthly session, attendees can gain insight about different programs and billing models, understand the steps to develop and implement a school-based billing program, and more.

Space is limited. The next session is December 12. Register here: www.sccoe.to/CaliforniaPLN



Equitable Grading Community of Practice

The SCCOE will host a community of practice for all TK-12 educators, teachers on special assignment (TOSA), instructional coaches and district level administration. This collaboration will focus on equitable grading. The next meeting is on December 12 from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. via Zoom.

To learn more or register, visit: <https://na.eventscloud.com/754725>

Health and Wellness

MEDI-CAL BENEFICIARIES

Take action to keep your Medi-Cal!

Watch for an important renewal letter coming soon.



Medi-Cal Coverage

To continue coverage, individuals who are on Medi-Cal or Medicaid must update their information as soon as possible.

The Department of Health Care Services has information to help individuals keep their coverage. In order to complete the necessary forms or to learn more visit: www.KeepMediCalCoverage.org

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GIVE **LOVE** TO THOSE IN NEED.

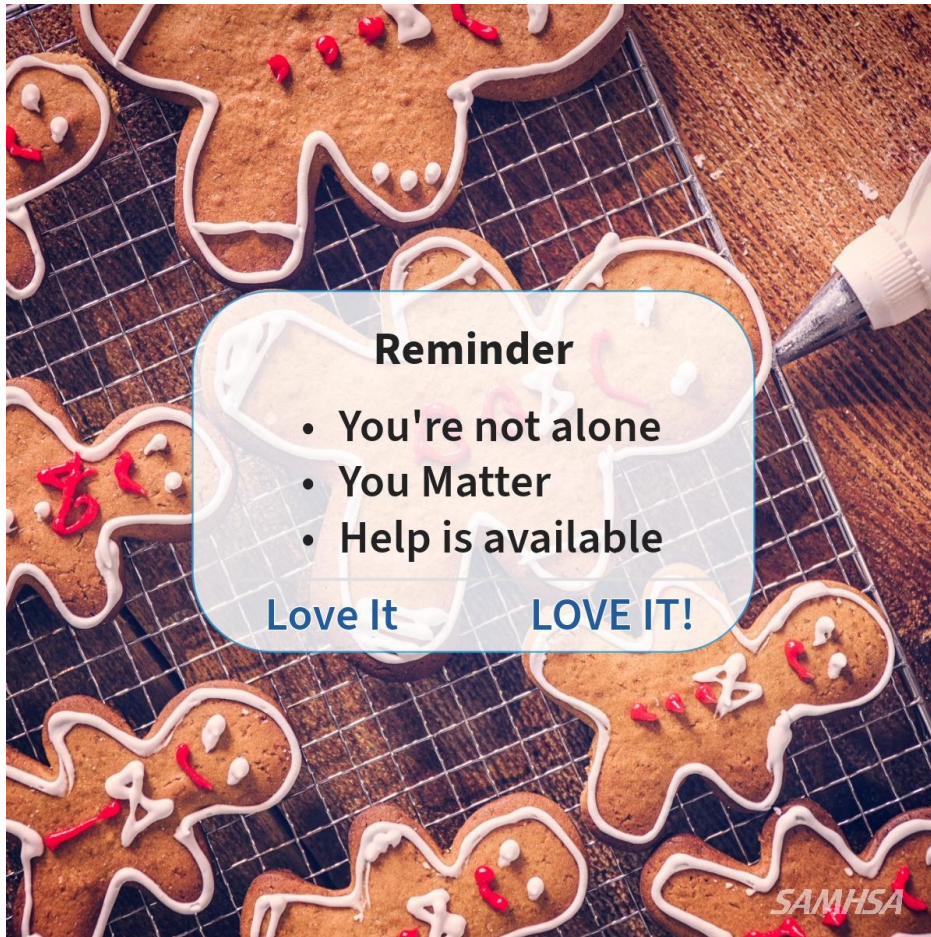


WWW.AABB.ORG/GIVEBLOOD

Blood Donation

The California Department of Public Health encourages individuals to donate blood. Donating blood can help those who need it most.

To find a location near you, visit: <https://www.aabb.org/for-donors-patients/give-blood>



SAMHSA Mental Health Resources

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) has support for those seeking mental health or substance use resources.

To learn more, visit: www.samhsa.gov/find-help

About the Santa Clara County Office of Education

Working collaboratively with school and community partners, the Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE) is a regional service agency committed to serving, inspiring, and promoting student and public school success. The SCCOE is a premier service organization driven by the core principles of equity, diversity, inclusion, and partnership. For more information about the Santa Clara County Office of Education, please visit www.sccoe.org and follow us @SCCOE on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [LinkedIn](#).

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