



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

Dear Santa Clara County Community,

As the year begins to wind down, I would like to take the opportunity to reflect upon the shared core principles of our organization - equity, diversity, inclusion and partnership - and the ways in which we leverage our limited resources to advance our community. A student's basic needs, socio-emotional well-being, equity and inclusion all directly impact how well a student does in their educational journey. Through the committed service of the Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE), on behalf of the youth of the county, we continue to make significant strides and are proud of the investments we've made over the past school year.



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Beginning with the county's youngest scholars, over 1,600 students have participated in Early Learning Services programs this year. These programs provide the highest quality services and family support to foster each child's social, emotional, educational, and cognitive development. To learn more about licensed childcare programs that best meet your family's needs, visit the [Childcare Resource and Referral program](#) which maintains a childcare referral database, known as the Santa Clara County Childcare Portal, with information about the licensed childcare programs in the county.

Investments in whole child initiatives are essential to supporting the wellness and safety of our students, staff, and families. Knowing that students are 21 times more likely to utilize mental health services when they are available on campus, the SCCOE secured nearly \$1 million in grant funds to train, certify, and place mental health providers in high-need schools. The SCCOE [Youth Health and Wellness Department](#) operates 19 wellness centers which supported 21,713 visits, and served 2,867 students from August 2022 – October 2023.

We value the contributions of our educational staff and their essential role in fostering a successful educational journey for our students. SCCOE is committed to growing and fostering the public sector workforce and proudly offers competitive salaries and benefit packages to our employees. To learn more about credential opportunities, benefits and job openings please visit <https://sccoe.to/homepage>.

As we head into the new year, we want to underscore our commitment to serving, inspiring and championing the success of our students, staff and school communities. Through our strategic investments and partnerships currently in place and on the horizon, we can ensure students will continue to benefit from an inclusive educational experience. In addition, we can meet the needs of our teachers and employees by providing innovative programming to benefit our districts and communities.

In partnership,

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County Superintendent of Schools

## SCCOE News



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

- [12/08/2023 News Minute](#)
- [Assembly's Select Committee on California's Mental Health Crisis to Meet with Prominent Local Mental Health Advocates](#)
- [Grosvenor Teacher Fellow and Santa Clara County Board of Education Trustee Embarks on National Geographic Antarctic Expedition](#)

## Join the SCCOE Team

# Join our TEAM!

#WeAreSCCOE

WE ARE  
HIRING

Santa Clara County  Office of Education

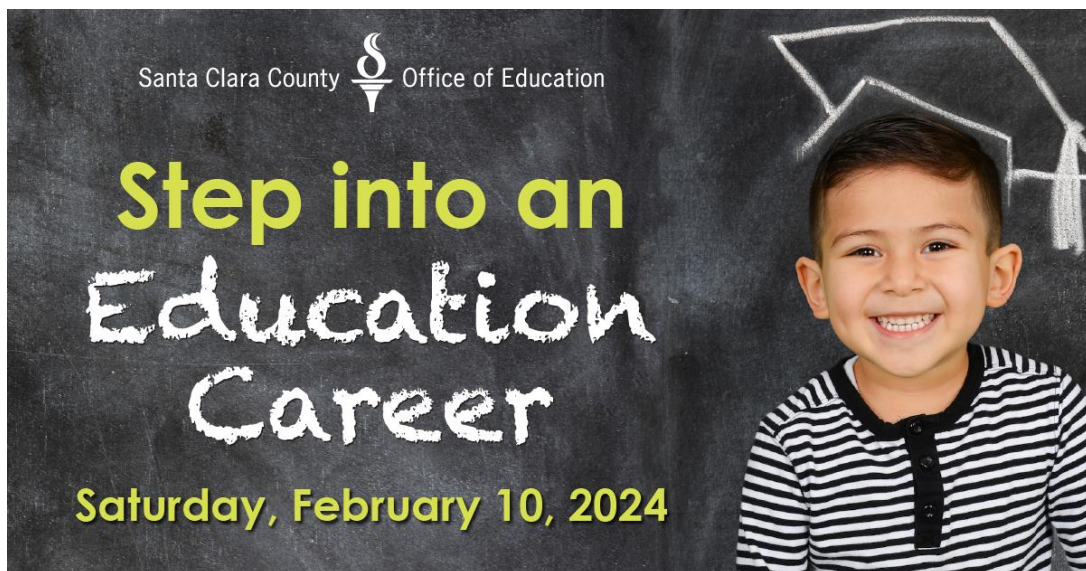


BECOME A PART OF **OUR** STORY

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

To stay up to date on all job opportunities at the SCCOE, register to receive the Jobs Bulletin: <https://sccoe.to/SCCOEJobsBulletin>

## Community News and Resources



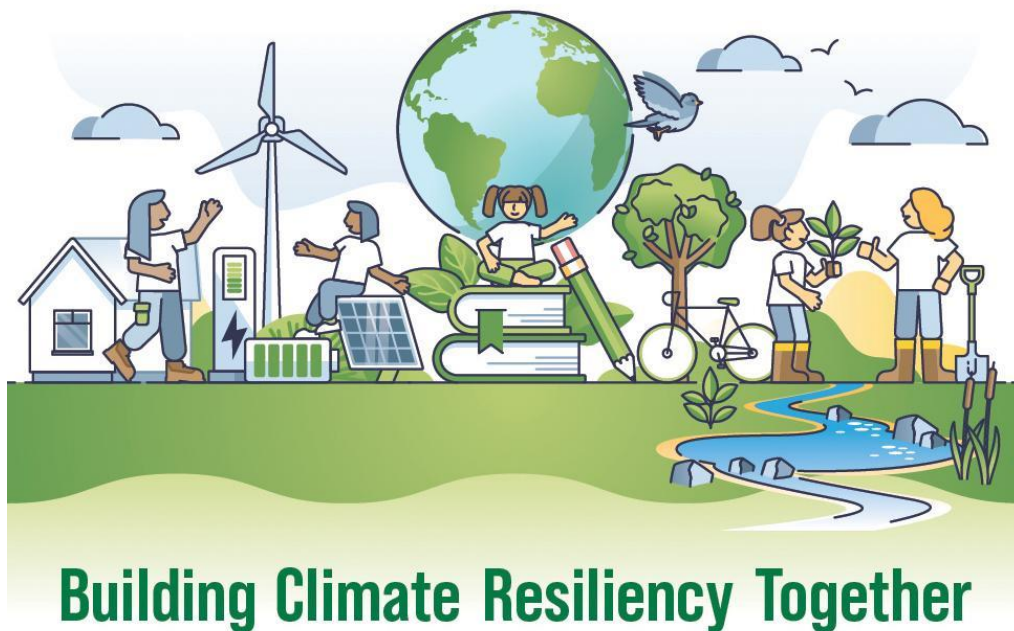
*Step Into an Education Career*

Join us for the SCCOE's Step into an Education Career Event to help you learn and prepare for the joys of a career in education.

- Discover what is needed to become a teacher, counselor, school nurse, speech-language pathologist, and audiologist.
- Learn how to navigate the credentialing process.
- Talk with representatives from local universities and teaching programs.
- Learn about compensation, benefits, financial aid, and retirement.

To learn more or register, visit: [www.sccoe.org/stepintoteaching](http://www.sccoe.org/stepintoteaching)





## Building Climate Resiliency Together

2024 Environmental Literacy Summit

Save the date for April 27 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for the 2024 Environmental Literacy Summit.

See you there!

NATIONAL ESSAY CONTEST FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AGES 16-18

## Speaking Up About Mental Health

ENTRIES DUE JANUARY 16, 2024

**Cash prizes!**

**TOPIC:** Explore ways to reduce mental health stigma that young people may face when seeking mental health treatment.

 **NIH** National Institutes of Health

[nimhd.nih.gov/EssayContest](https://nimhd.nih.gov/EssayContest)

Speaking Up about Mental Health Essay Contest

The National Institute of Health and partners are hosting a national essay contest for high school students, 16-18 years old. Submissions are accepted through January 16.

To learn more, visit: [www.nimhd.nih.gov/EssayContest](https://www.nimhd.nih.gov/EssayContest)



*Grant Opportunities for Educators*

Educators are encouraged to view the grant opportunities available to them.

To view them, visit: <https://scoe.to/GrantOpportunitiesforEducators>

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*News and Media Literacy for All*

Educators are encouraged to join the SCCOE and other partners for the virtual News and Media Literacy for All series. In this series of webinars, educators will discover resources, guidance and

framework around teaching youth about media literacy. The next session is, “Misinformation and AI’s Impact”, and will discuss AI and how to determine if something is misinformation. This session is on December 21 from 3:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

To learn more or register, visit: <https://bit.ly/45H9qFM>

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# MAKERSPACE

RIDDER PARK

*SCCOE Makerspace*

The SCCOE Makerspace is a hands-on learning environment where students and educators can develop critical thinking skills through designing and making with a mix of materials and technologies.

To learn how to become a Maker or more information, visit: <http://www.inclusioncollaborative.org/makerspace.aspx>

Or you to fill out the interest form, visit: <https://forms.gle/CZ324WZtmHVGWWA27>

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*Unlocking Student Success*

The SCCOE invites educators within the county to participate in an online, asynchronous course about Unlocking Student Success. In this training, educators will learn key concepts and



research behind standards-based education, explore tools and techniques, examine the role of student and family communication in education, and more. Space is limited.

To learn more, visit: <https://sccoe.to/UnlockingStudentSuccess>

*There is a cost associated with this session\**

## Health and Wellness



**CalHOPE Warm Line (833) 317-HOPE (4673)**  
**CalHOPE.org**

*CalHOPE*

CalHOPE provides free peer counseling to all Californians. In coordination with this mission, you can also find resources for school staff.

To learn more, visit: <https://www.calhope.org/>



*Stress Resources*

The California Surgeon General has released resources related to stress. There are resources available in English and Spanish; there are also resources for caregivers and children.

To view all resources, visit: [www.osg.ca.gov/resources](http://www.osg.ca.gov/resources)



*Childhood Vaccines*

The Santa Clara County Public Health Department wants to remind caregivers that routine vaccines are "Another Part of Growing Up".

To learn more about childhood vaccines, visit: <http://bit.ly/3UsXkMj>



### **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](http://www.sccoe.org) and follow us @SCCOE on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [LinkedIn](#).

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