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County Superintendent of Schools shines a light on early learning during television series

SAN JOSE, CA – County Superintendent of Schools Jon R. Gundry is shining a light on the importance of early learning in the latest episode of “Spotlight on the SCCOE,” a monthly television series recently launched by the Santa Clara County Office of Education.

“This is a topic that has been on my mind for a number of years, especially when I was Principal of an elementary school where I had a significant number of English learners and children living in poverty, many of whom came to school unprepared to learn,” Mr. Gundry shares as host of the show. “I noticed anecdotally, even before I knew anything about the research in early education, that those who came to us from preschool... were more successful than those who didn’t.”

The second episode, “[The Importance of Early Learning](#),” features Mr. Gundry, Avo Makdessian, director of Silicon Valley Community Foundation’s Center for Early Learning, and Dr. Lisa Kaufman, Executive Director of Educare California at Silicon Valley. Together they comment on the many ongoing efforts to improve local early childhood education programs.

“Spotlight on the SCCOE,” hosted by Mr. Gundry, was created to help inform the local community about the latest happenings in K-12 education. It features Mr. Gundry and different guests each month discussing important issues affecting education. Future topics will include the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP); Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA); “My Name, My Identity” campaign; STEAM Education; and Charter Schools. All episode content is subject to guest availability.

In addition to being available on the [SCCOE YouTube page](#), “Spotlight on the SCCOE” will air at 6:30 p.m. on Sundays on CreaTV Classrooms, Cable Channel 28 in San Jose and Campbell, and at 6:30 p.m. on Mondays on Bay Voice TV. Bay Voice TV airs on Cable Channel 27 in Atherton, Campbell, Cupertino, East Palo Alto, Los Altos, Los Gatos, Menlo Park, Milpitas, Mountain View, Palo Alto, San Jose, Santa Clara, Saratoga, Stanford University, and Sunnyvale. New episodes will air each month.

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