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Ninth installment of SCCOE PSA series highlights ‘Why I Teach’

SAN JOSE, CA – The school year has come to a close, but the Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE) continues to highlight the work of teachers from around the county with the release of the [ninth volume](#) of its [Teacher PSA series](#).

The latest video focuses on the challenges of teaching and offers perspectives from Linda Carol Grilli from Oak Ridge Elementary School in Oak Grove School District, Christie Nielsen from Argonaut Elementary School in Saratoga Union School District, and A. Wayne Thompson from CT English Middle School in Loma Prieta Joint Union School District.

“Maintaining new teachers in the classroom is super important,” Thompson says. “By including new teachers in the curriculum and design process and coaching them in management, I think we can increase the retention of teachers in the field, which is a super important piece right at the beginning of teaching careers.”

The PSAs will conclude next week with the 10th and final video in the [“Why I Teach” series](#). All the teachers featured were honored during the SCCOE’s 2015-16 [Teacher Recognition Celebration](#) last fall in Campbell.

The series is part of a wider countywide initiative to address the teacher shortage. The SCCOE is working on recruiting and developing the next generation of excellent teachers through many means, including the recent Instructional Assistant Job Fair on June 11 and Step into Teaching: Opportunities in Silicon Valley Public Schools Event on June 18.

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