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## SCCOE gears up for first annual Santa Clara County School Job Fair

**SAN JOSE, CA** –In response to the on-going need for quality classified employees to staff school sites and district offices, the Santa Clara County Office of Education is launching its first annual Santa Clara County School Job Fair. Inspired by the successful Teacher Recruitment Fair that takes place at the SCCOE each spring, the School Job Fair will connect employers from 20 school districts and a community college with applicants from throughout the region on Saturday, October 24.

While almost everyone understands the importance of staffing all classrooms with excellent teachers, each year schools face a similar challenge when it comes to recruiting highly skilled bus drivers, clerical staff, custodians, cooks, classroom assistants and other "behind the scenes" employees who keep students safe and ensure schools run smoothly.

"Knowing how valuable our Teacher Recruitment Fair is for county schools in seeking well-qualified certificated staff, we saw this as a great opportunity to expand the reach of our services to our district partners," said Superintendent of Schools Jon Gundry. "This event is a win/win for both districts in need of excellent nonteaching staff members and candidates looking for rewarding careers serving our communities."

Applicants who <u>register in advance</u> will be pre-screened, tested for the positions in which they're interested, and allowed in early at 9 a.m. on the day of the fair. This will give them the first opportunity to meet with hiring managers and discuss their career goals. Walk-ins will be welcome on the day of event until the venue reaches capacity, but will have to be screened manually, which could take several hours.

For more information about the Job Fair, including tips on making the most of the day, visit the <u>official</u> <u>event website</u>.

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