



## IMPACT Weekly

September 18, 2024

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

Dear Santa Clara County Community,

September is Attendance Awareness Month, a great opportunity to highlight the many benefits of regular school attendance and the positive impact it can have on a students' success.

Consistent attendance is a cornerstone of academic and social achievement. When students attend school regularly, they are more likely to excel academically and build lasting, positive relationships with their peers.



**Research has shown that regular attendance helps students stay on track with their studies, enhances their learning experiences, and contributes to their overall well-being.**

While occasional absences are normal, it is important to notice and support patterns of absenteeism early. Even a few missed days can disrupt learning and make it harder for students to catch up.

Fortunately, there are many ways to support students in maintaining regular attendance. Here are some resources to consider:

- **[Attendance Works](#)**: This organization provides valuable resources and strategies for improving attendance and addressing barriers to regular school participation.
- **[Santa Clara County Attendance Collaborative Resources](#)**: Developed by the Education Progress Division at the Santa Clara County Office of Education, this list includes local resources and support services specifically tailored to our community's needs.
- **Health and Wellness Programs**: Programs focusing on physical and mental health can provide support and resources to help students stay healthy and ready to attend school consistently.
- **Ask your students' school for support**: Reach out to your youngsters' teacher, principal or counselor and share your concerns. Oftentimes schools can help make connections with needed resources.

By working together and utilizing these resources, we can support our students in building a strong educational foundation and setting them up for future success. Let's make the most of

Attendance Awareness Month by committing to the positive impact of regular school attendance and reaching out for support if needed.

In community,

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

## SCCOE News



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

- [Inclusion Journey Episode 4: Dr. Mary Ann Dewan: The Evolution of an Inclusive Mindset in Education](#)
- [Dewan: Pathways to careers in early childhood education](#)

## Join the SCCOE Team

**Join our  
TEAM!**  
#WeAreSCCOE

WE ARE  
HIRING

Santa Clara County  Office of Education



BECOME A PART OF **OUR** STORY

Join our Team #WeAreSCCOE

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

To ensure you don't miss out on any SCCOE job openings, sign up for our Jobs Bulletin: <https://sccoe.to/SCCOEJobsBulletin>

## Community News and Resources



*Call for Presenters for the Cambodian American Studies Conference*

The SCCOE in collaboration with the Orange County Department of Education will host the Cambodian American Experience Model Curriculum Project. The goal of this event is to provide more information about the Cambodian American Experience Model Curriculum (CAEMC) and to connect with other educators.

If you are interested in presenting, please submit a proposal.

This event will be on January 31 and February 1 at the SCCOE, located at 1290 Ridder Park Drive in San Jose.

To learn more,

visit: [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1bc\\_Mqct9g\\_nSV2sF0qcKi245j0mnP5yo/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1bc_Mqct9g_nSV2sF0qcKi245j0mnP5yo/view)

To submit your proposal please visit: <https://www.cvent.com/c/abstracts/3983f2f1-9caf-4825-96d2-136d3fb7b84d>

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*NAMIWalks Silicon Valley*

Join NAMIWalks Silicon Valley on October 5 for a vibrant event supporting mental health awareness and fundraising for NAMI's free programs. This walk, held at History Park in San Jose from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., symbolizes new beginnings and provides hope and resources to those in need. Register for free on the Eventbrite page. Please help spread the word by sharing the flier or posting the graphic on social media.

To register visit: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/namiwalks-silicon-valley-2024-tickets-980479690147?aff=oddtcreator>

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**SAVE THE DATE!**

**INCLUSION COLLABORATIVE**

**11th Annual Conference**

**INCLUSIONEERS  
WILL RETURN!**

*Inclusion Collaborative Conference*

Save the date for the Inclusion Collaborative State Conference hosted by the SCCOE on October 22-24.  
To learn more, visit: <https://sccoe.to/ICSCsavethedate>

## **SCCOE Events and Resources**



*Statewide Residency Technical Assistance Center*



Statewide Residency Technical Assistance Center (SRTAC) invites teams and individuals leading or interested in leading teacher or counselor residency programs, as well as staff supporting teacher residents and graduates in school districts, to attend the Bay Area regional kick off event.

Date: Monday, September 23 from 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
Location: Santa Clara County Office of Education

To learn more about SRTAC and register for the Bay Area regional kick-off event, please visit: <http://srtac.sccoe.org/home>



## LGBTQ+ District Resources & Support Office Hours

*LGBTQ+ Resource Training*

Are you interested in learning more about gender identity, sexual orientation, and gender expression? If so, the SCCOE is hosting a training covering these topics and more. This course will be asynchronous, online, and available until October 1.

To learn more, visit: [www.sccoe.to/SOGIE24](http://www.sccoe.to/SOGIE24)

\*There is a cost associated with this session.

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*CCLA Summit Students First*

The California Collaborative for Learning Acceleration (CCLA) Summit is an inclusive space for educators to gain knowledge and deepen understanding of learning acceleration to reinvigorate classroom instruction to improve student outcomes.

To learn more visit: <https://ccla.sccoe.org/summitt>

To register visit: <https://sccoe.to/CCLA2025Summit>

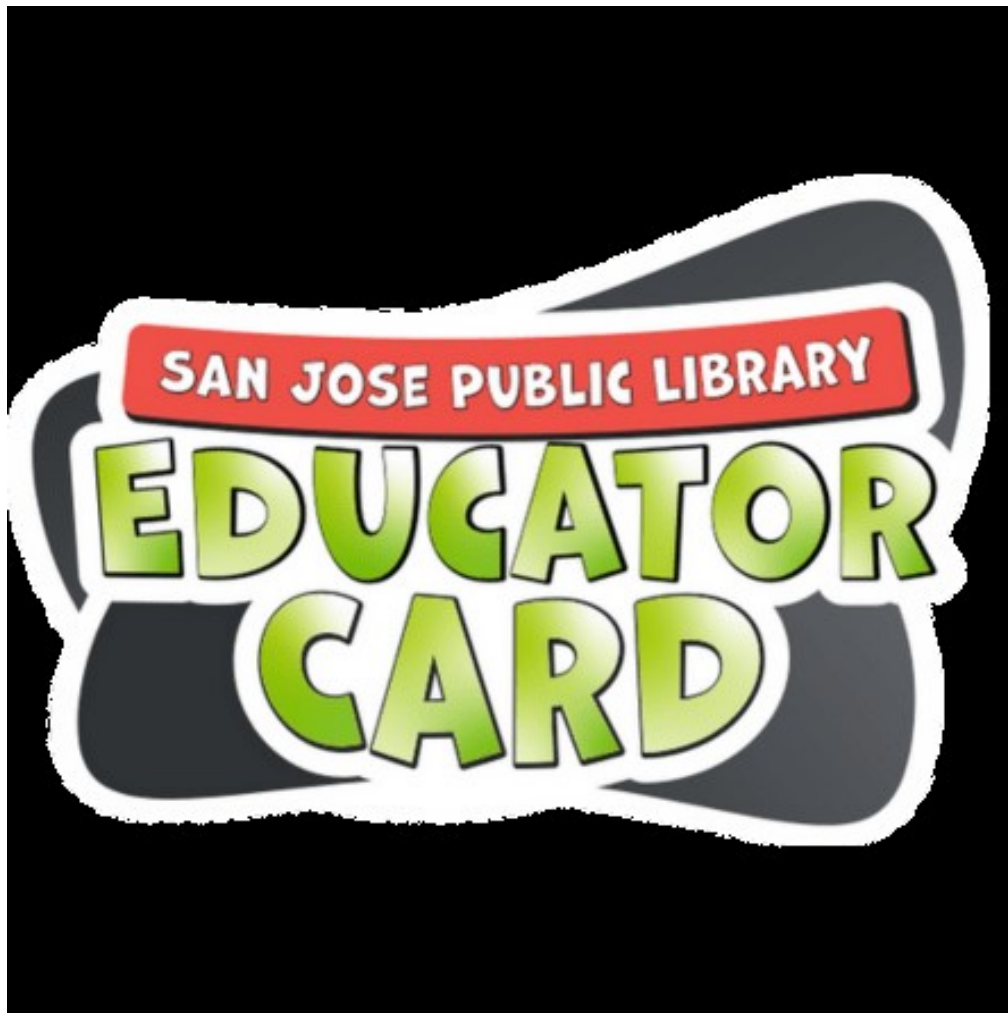
## District Resources



The SCCOE in collaboration with the Orange County Department of Education will host the Vietnamese American Experience Model Curriculum Project. The goal of this event is to provide more information about the Vietnamese American Experience Model Curriculum (VAEMC) and to connect with other educators. This event will be on September 27 and 28 at the SCCOE, located at 1290 Ridder Park Drive in San Jose.

To learn more or register, visit: <https://web.cvent.com/event/ec3c4b06-d6e1-4eab-a647-6440f3791840/summary>

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Educator Library Card

San José educators can now get a special library card that allows for an **extended checkout and renewal period** and **no fines** on overdue materials. Fill out the form on the San Jose Public Library website to request your Educator's Card. You will receive an email with your new card number in a few days. The actual card will be mailed to you.

To learn more visit: <https://www.sjpl.org/educator-card/>

## Health and Wellness



# BEFORE YOU GO... CHECK YOUR BIKE

## ABC Quick Check



- A Air**  
Are the tires properly inflated?
- B Brakes**  
Do the brakes work?
- C Chains and Cranks**  
Are the chains oiled and the cranks secured?
- Q Quick**  
Is the quick release lever securely closed?
- ✓ Check**  
Take a short slow ride around to make sure everything is working properly

*Bicycle Safety*

Prevent any surprises by always inspecting your bicycle before you ride. The ABC Quick Check is a simple checklist to help you prepare for a safe ride:

- Air- Are the tires properly inflated?
- Brakes- Do the brakes work?
- Chains and Cranks- Are the chains oiled and the cranks secure?
- Quick- Is the quick-release lever that holds the wheels in place securely closed?
- Check- Take a brief slow ride around to make sure everything is working properly.

Don't forget your helmet!

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## CDC recommends the 2024-25 COVID-19 vaccine for everyone 6 months and older

### An updated vaccine protects against:

- ☒ COVID-19 variants spreading now
- ☒ Severe illness, hospitalization, and death



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COVID-19 Vaccination Recommendation

The updated COVID-19 vaccine can help protect you from the COVID-19 variants currently responsible for most infections and hospitalizations in the United States. It's especially important if you are at increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19 (e.g., 65 years and older, live in a long-term care facility, have underlying conditions including immune compromise, or are pregnant to protect yourself and your infant).

For more information visit: [https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/73/wr/mm7337e2.htm?s\\_cid=mm7337e2\\_e](https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/73/wr/mm7337e2.htm?s_cid=mm7337e2_e)

### 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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