



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

Dear Santa Clara County Community,

October brings two important days that remind us of our collective responsibility to foster inclusivity and support those shaping the future: World Teachers' Day on October 5 and World Inclusion Day on October 10.

World Teachers' Day is an opportunity to reflect on the incredible impact educators have on our lives and communities. They shape minds, nurture creativity and foster inclusive environments where every student can thrive. A simple thank-you note, or small gesture of appreciation can go a long way in showing gratitude for their work and dedication. If you are interested in becoming a teacher, the [Educator Preparation Program \(EPP\)](#) offers credentialing programs for educators. Credentialing opportunities include educational administration, special education, teaching credentials, and more.



**According to U.S. Census data, Santa Clara County is one of the most diverse counties in the nation, with more than 100 languages spoken and 38.5% of residents identifying as Asian, 31.5% White, and 23% Hispanic.**

World Inclusion Day encourages us to embrace every individual's unique perspective. Practicing inclusion can start with small, everyday actions:

- Learn about different cultures and backgrounds.
- Ask someone about their personal experiences and listen without judgment.
- Extend a warm welcome to someone new in your community.
- Create safe spaces where everyone feels respected and valued.
- Watch SCCOE's [Inclusion Journey Episode 4: Dr. Mary Ann Dewan: The Evolution of an Inclusive Mindset in Education](#)

The Santa Clara County Office of Education's ongoing [survey](#) gathers critical insights about inclusion and equity in our schools. Your input will help shape future initiatives that support inclusive education.

The Safe Jobs, Healthy Families initiative offers resources and advocacy for fair workplace policies that support the well-being of all families. You can explore their [offerings](#) to learn more about creating equitable and healthy environments for employees and families in our community. In support of this, the Santa Clara County Board of Education and County Superintendent of

Schools adopted [Resolution No. 2431-3](#), Safe Jobs, Healthy Families, affirming our commitment to share information with the community and raise awareness about the opportunity for voluntary participation in research conducted by Safe Jobs Healthy Communities.

If any of these apply to you, please consider taking the survey linked on the Safe Jobs Health Families website <https://www.safejobshealthyfamilies.org/>

- Did you work in the electronics industry between 1980 - 2005?
- Did you work around chemicals or solvents?
- Were you pregnant during this time?

Let's thank our teachers for their continued dedication to creating inclusive classrooms and commit ourselves to fostering a community where everyone—regardless of background, ability or identity—can contribute and thrive.

In community,

**Mary Ann Dewan, Ph.D.**

County Superintendent of Schools

## SCCOE News



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

- [Superintendent's Monthly Minute 10/01/2024](#)
- [Santa Clara County Schools Recognized as National Blue Ribbon Schools](#)

## Join the SCCOE Team

Join our  
**TEAM!**

#WeAreSCCOE

WE ARE  
HIRING

Santa Clara County  Office of Education



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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



*Teacher Recognition Celebration*

Every fall, the Teacher Recognition Celebration honors the county's finest teachers, each selected by their respective school districts. For more information about the event, visit [www.sccoe.org/trc](http://www.sccoe.org/trc)



*Walden West Volunteers*



Help the Walden West garden grow during golden hour. Volunteer from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. on October 8, 15, 22, and 29 to help with regular maintenance tasks such as weeding and watering. Learn gardening and horticultural skills, and take home seasonal garden gifts. Register to volunteer at <https://www.ultracamp.com/info/sessiondetail.aspx?idCamp=968&campCode=1mS&idSession=476433>

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*Classified Job Fair*

Join the SCCOE on October 5 for the Classified Job Fair from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Learn about jobs and careers available in school districts and charter school sites. Roles to consider include:

- Paraeducators
- Food Service Workers
- Custodians
- Drivers (all levels)
- Clerical/Administrative Assistants
- Maintenance Workers
- Health Clerks/Health Aides
- Substitutes for various positions

To register, please visit <https://sccoe.to/ClassifiedJobFair>

## SCCOE Events and Resources



*TUPE Parent Education Night*

Parents, guardians, and caregivers are invited to TUPE Parent Education Night, a special event designed to equip families with crucial information about the harmful effects of vaping and cannabis smoking on adolescent health.

- October 24 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. at the SCCOE, located at 1290 Ridder Park Drive in San Jose (English & Spanish)
- October 29 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. at the South County Annex, located at 9300 Wren Avenue in Gilroy

To learn more and register, visit <https://www.sccoe.org/tupe/Pages/Events.aspx>

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*School Nurse CoP*

The SCCOE invites school nurses to enhance their professional practice through collaboration and shared learning. Our goal is to optimize student-centered nursing care using the key principles of NASN's School Nursing Practice Framework:

- Standards of Practice
- Quality Improvement
- Care Coordination
- Leadership
- Community/Public Health

The next meeting will be virtual on October 9 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

To learn more, visit <https://na.eventscld.com/ereg/newreg.php?eventid=812577&language=eng>

## District Resources



Essay Contest

The Mineta Transportation Institute Essay Contest is a chance for students to propose solutions to real-world issues. Winners receive prize money, a certificate of achievement, and the chance to get published. This year's theme is Get Going, Go Green! All students enrolled in grades 6-12 in U.S. public, private, and home schools within the United States are invited to submit their essay by visiting [https://transweb.sjsu.edu/workforce-development/essay-contest?fbclid=IwY2xjawFocyhleHRuA2FlbQlxMAABHQOZU5jc5W8QyQ1Qqb79apdU8mZUYORzoaEj5869mlQ0p3iG1zpXK13ebw\\_aem\\_4clW8w0XkfvNiWnBKD265g](https://transweb.sjsu.edu/workforce-development/essay-contest?fbclid=IwY2xjawFocyhleHRuA2FlbQlxMAABHQOZU5jc5W8QyQ1Qqb79apdU8mZUYORzoaEj5869mlQ0p3iG1zpXK13ebw_aem_4clW8w0XkfvNiWnBKD265g)

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*Teachers and Tacos*

Join teachers across the county for tacos, free resources, and entry into The Tech Interactive on November 15 from 4 - 6 p.m. To register, visit [bit.ly/teachersandtacos](https://bit.ly/teachersandtacos)



*Educator's Day*

Join the Superior Court of California County of Santa Clara for Educator's Day on October 24 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The event is dedicated to equipping school administrators, teachers, and counselors with tools to navigate complex issues affecting students and schools. This year's focus will be on understanding restraining orders and building healthy relationships, re-engaging juvenile justice youth, Civic Education and Engagement, and resources for students.

RSVP by October 10 by visiting <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/EducatorsDay24>

## Health and Wellness

**Do you have a child with a developmental disability?**

— and —

**Did you work in the electronics industry while pregnant?**

WHEN YOU'RE PREGNANT EVERY DAY IS TAKE YOUR CHILD TO WORK DAY

**Take Our Survey**

Your feedback could help identify job hazards that contribute to developmental disabilities in offsprings

TAKE THE SURVEY HERE

[https://bit.ly/SJHF\\_EN](https://bit.ly/SJHF_EN)

Questions? Contact us

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[www.safejobshealthyfamilies.org](http://www.safejobshealthyfamilies.org)

SCAN FOR SURVEY

IF YOU...  
Worked in the electronics industry and were pregnant with a child who was born with a developmental disability, we want to hear from you



**¿Tiene un hijo con una discapacidad del desarrollo?**

y

**¿Trabajaste en la industria electrónica durante el embarazo?**

CUANDO ESTÁS EMBARAZADA TODOS LOS DÍAS LLEVA A TU HIJA AL TRABAJO

**Toma nuestra encuesta**

Sus comentarios podrían ayudar a identificar los peligros laborales que contribuyen a las discapacidades de desarrollo en la descendencia

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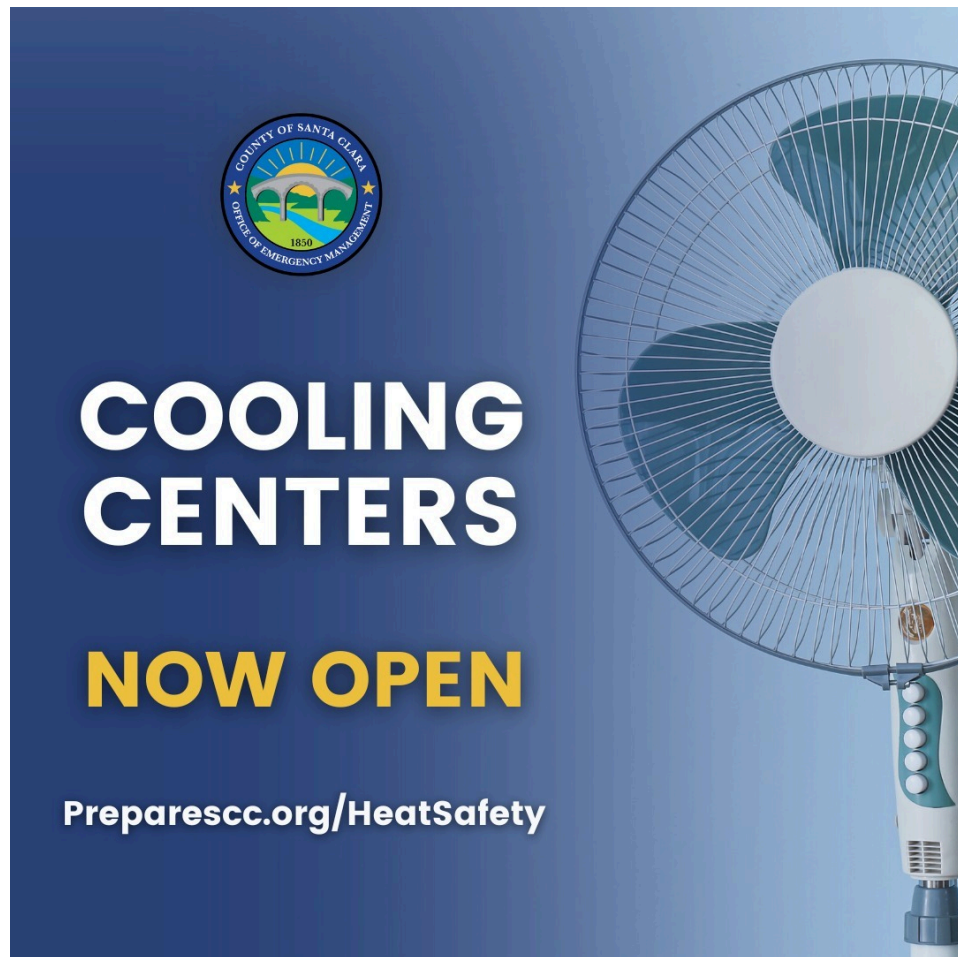
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Trabajó en la industria electrónica y estaba embarazada de un niño que nació con una discapacidad del desarrollo, queremos saber de usted.



Safe Jobs Healthy Families

If you or someone you know worked in the electronics industry while pregnant, please consider taking this survey from Safe Jobs Healthy Families. To take the survey and learn more, visit <https://www.safejobshealthyfamilies.org/>





*Cooling Centers*

Need a place to stay cool during the heatwave? Cooling Centers are available throughout Santa Clara County. To find a Cooling Center near you, visit <https://oem.santaclaracounty.gov/disaster-preparedness/hot-weather-safety>

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*Binational Health Week*

This free health and wellness event at Eastridge Mall features valuable health information, health screenings, entertainment, and numerous opportunities for the community to connect with services, addressing the unique health challenges faced by Latino communities. For more information about Binational Health Week, visit <https://publichealth.santaclaracounty.gov/get-involved/community-organizations/binational-health-week>

### ***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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