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

Hello everyone,

The new school year is set to begin for most schools in the coming weeks. Educators, families, and communities are taking steps now to get ready for the school year such as securing school supplies, engaging in enriching learning opportunities, and getting check-ups. Education and health are interconnected.

National Immunization Month serves as a timely reminder about the importance of vaccinations for people of all ages; vaccinations to protect ourselves and our community against preventable diseases, help keep children healthy and able to attend school regularly.

Providing an updated immunization record to your child's school is part of the required documents to enroll in school. Now is the time to work with family doctors or nurses to catch up on missed checkups and recommended vaccinations. The [Santa Clara County Public Health Department](#) provides resources regarding child immunization schedules, how to find a clinic, and how to request a copy of an immunization record.

The California Department of Public Health has updated COVID-19 related vaccine information and resources for parents on the [Parent Page: Safe Schools for All](#). Parents will also find resources on the Parent Page about how to access free COVID-19 self-test kits to have on hand.

Eating healthy foods, exercising, getting regular medical, dental and vision checkups, and staying up to date with immunizations are key for staying healthy.



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

We are **#StrongerTogether**.

Be well,

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

Announcements

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

Community News and Resources



Early learning programs

Did you know 90% of a child's brain develops by age 5? Children attending early learning programs build strong foundations for success in life and future careers. The Santa Clara County Office of Education has resources to help families and caregivers find and enroll their children in programs that fit their needs. For more information, visit <https://www.enrollsantaclara.org/>



Urgent need for blood donors



SB 9 Informational Session

The County is proposing Zoning Ordinance Amendments relating to Senate Bill 9 (SB 9) which allows for a parcel/lot within a single-family residential zoning district and within a U.S. Census-defined urbanized area to potentially obtain ministerial approval of:

- Two dwelling units on a parcel (Urban Two-Unit Development), and/or
- Two-lot subdivisions, each lot with up to two single-family dwelling units (Urban Lot Splits).

These Amendments pertain to properties in the unincorporated County. The County is conducting an Information Session to present the proposed amendments after receiving recommendations from the San Martin Planning Advisory Committee and Planning Commission and prior to bringing the amendments to the Board of Supervisors for consideration.

The County encourages comments and participation from the public, especially from those interested in these changes and those living in areas where SB 9 is applicable. For more information regarding the proposed amendments and location of parcels/lots eligible for SB 9, or to submit comments or questions, please visit the County's SB 9 webpage at <https://plandev.sccgov.org/senate-bill-9>.

Register for the virtual meeting on Thursday, August 4 from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. at https://sccgov-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_zyZboVkmR-ymijhDJJ0yGA



Make an impact in schools

The [Classified Job Fair](#) began eight years ago in response to the ongoing need of our school districts and charters schools to hire for their open classified positions at their school sites and district offices. This event is an opportunity for qualified candidates to meet with school district hiring administrators. Representatives from school districts come to this central location for a day of interaction with candidates. This event will be held outdoors at our Ridder Park office on Saturday, September 24 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Those interested in the following positions should attend:

- Paraeducators
- Food Service Workers
- Custodians
- Drivers (all levels)
- Clerical/Administrative Assistants

- Maintenance Workers
- Health Clerks/Health Aides
- Substitutes for the positions listed



Backpack Drive

Join the African American Community Service Agency (AACSA) for an afternoon of giving and fun for the whole family at the Annual Block Party & Pack-a-Back Drive!

- Register to Participate in the Block Party at <https://bit.ly/aacsablockparty2022>
- Purchase and Donate Items to our Backpack Giveaway at <https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1K35G67XPUFV...>

District News and Resources



Step Into Teaching

Join us for the SCCOE's Virtual Step into Teaching: Opportunities in Silicon Valley Public Schools Event to help you learn and prepare for the joys of a teaching career.

- Discover what is needed to become a teacher
- Learn how to navigate the credentialing process
- Talk with representatives from local universities and teaching programs
- Learn about compensation, benefits, financial aid and retirement

Register at: www.sccoe.org/stepintoteaching



Digital Citizenship Curriculum

[Common Sense Education's K-12 Digital Citizenship Curriculum](#) offers interactive lessons and activities that prepare students to take ownership of their digital lives. With each lesson plan, educators can access a variety of supplemental classroom and take-home

resources, such as slides, handouts, quizzes, family activities, and more! Lessons are organized by the following topics: Media Balance & Well-being; Privacy & Security; Digital Footprint & Identity; Relationships & Communication; Cyberbullying, Digital Drama, & Hate Speech; and News & Media Literacy.



Back to School Sale

RAFT (Resource Area For Teaching) is having a Back To School Sale for the entire month of August. This is a great opportunity for teachers to prepare for the coming school year. RAFT is located at 1355 Ridder Park Dr. in San Jose. For more details, visit <https://raft.net/back-to-school-sale/>



My Name My Identity

The My Name, My Identity: Creating Community Challenge is a Back-to-School resource to

- support educators, students, and families in an asset-based approach to create a sense of inclusion and belonging so students feel safe, cared for, and heard so they can learn and thrive
- engage schools and classes to use this resource to complete three projects over a period of 6 months to creating a community for embracing and celebrating diversity.

If your class or school would like to take up the challenge, visit the [Creating Community Challenge](#) webpage for more information.

Health & Wellness



Get a free museum vaxpass

Children's Discovery Museum has teamed up with Stanford Flu Crew to administer COVID-19 vaccinations for the last eligible group - children ages 6 months and up. The clinics are Saturday, August 6, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and Sunday, September 11, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the beloved institution in downtown San Jose. Walk-ups are on a first-come, first-served basis. The clinics are open to all eligible people for first and second doses and booster shots for eligible people five months after their last dose.

With funding from Anthem Blue Cross, every family whose child or adult gets vaccinated will receive a family pass ([FREE MUSEUM VAXPASS](#)) for a free museum visit. Families can use the pass the day of their vaccination or return by January 29, 2023. One pass per family.

VACCINATION CLINICS at the PURPLE MUSEUM
180 Woz Way, San Jose
9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Saturday, August 6
Sunday, September 11
<https://www.cdm.org/vaccination/>

COVIDtests.gov

FREE At-Home COVID-19 Tests

for people who are
blind or have low vision.

*Limit 1 kit per household
(tests kits come with 2 tests)

[covid19.ca.gov](https://www.covid19.ca.gov)



Free COVID-19 at-home tests

Free at-home COVID tests are now available for people who are blind or have low vision. The tests work with a Bluetooth-enabled smartphone and app to give users audible instructions and test results. Learn more: <https://bit.ly/3aj1dAO>

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 that provides instructional, business, and technology services to the 31 school districts of Santa Clara County. The County Office of Education directly serves students through special education programs, alternative schools, Head Start and State Preschool programs, migrant education, and Opportunity Youth Academy. The SCCOE also provides academic and fiscal oversight and monitoring to districts in addition to the 22 Santa Clara County Board of Education authorized charter schools. For more information about the Santa Clara County Office of Education, please visit www.sccoe.org.

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