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

Hello everyone,

Teachers play an important role in molding children by inspiring them to become future leaders and innovators. It's a unique profession that has a direct impact on a child's life.

Despite the fulfillment of a teaching career, the number of graduates pursuing a credentialing program continues to decline. Local schools, early learning programs and childcare facilities struggle to attract and retain teachers and staff that represent the diversity of students in the county. There are many job opportunities available in education and all contribute significantly to the lives of children. The federal government, local municipalities, and the Santa Clara County Office of Education have created programs and added incentives to pursue a career in education.

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Department of Education announced major changes to the [Public Service Loan Forgiveness Waiver](#). These changes are designed to support the workforce in early care and education including certain preschool and childcare programs. Staff who work for a qualified employer, including Head Start, preschool and childcare programs, may be eligible for federal student loan forgiveness, even if they were not eligible before. The deadline to apply for this waiver is October 31, 2022.

California students enrolled in a teacher preparation program in a high-need field such as bilingual education, special education and transitional kindergarten may be eligible to receive up to \$20,000 through the [Golden State Teacher Grant Program](#). And, for the first time, staff who



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are enrolled in a program to pursue a Pupil Personnel Services (PPS) credential for counseling, social work or related areas may also be eligible for the Golden State Teacher Grant. In Santa Clara County, the [Earn One, Add One](#) program provides current school employees the opportunity to earn a special education credential tuition free.

Former UCLA basketball coach John Wooden said it best when he was quoted about the unique contributions of the teaching vocation, “I think the teaching profession contributes more to the future than any other single profession.”

We are **#StrongerTogether**.

Be well,

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

SCCOE News

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

Community News and Resources



FAFSA/CA Dream Act Workshops

The Santa Clara County Office of Education, in collaboration with community nonprofit organizations and post-secondary institutions, believe that College Day is every day. Our College Day - All In! For FAFSA/CA Dream Act, features workshops around college and finances for students. Register yourself or your class to learn more about college finances on Thursday, September 29 from 6-7:30 p.m. Register at <https://na.eventscloud.com/707661>

For more information, connect with Joell Hanson at (408) 453-4329 or JoHanson@sccoe.org



Distinguished Author Series

The Santa Clara County Library District's Distinguished Author Series Kicks Off with Emmy-winning journalist Emily Chang on Wednesday, September 14 at the Campbell Heritage Theatre at 7 p.m. For more details, visit <https://scclid.org/authorseries/>



Pumpkins in the Park

Celebrate Autumn at the 27th annual harvest festival, Pumpkins in the Park! This family-friendly event is a great place to welcome the fall season while exploring the Guadalupe River Park in Downtown San Jose. Stop by anytime between 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, October 8 in Discovery Meadow to enjoy community booths, live entertainment, food trucks, and more!



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
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Writing Contest

Fall is here again! To celebrate, San Jose Public Library is hosting a short fiction writing contest for the month of September. The contest is open to writers of all ages and in any style. Entries will be published on the [Short Edition Portal](#) and Short Story dispensers and prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in each age category.

District News and Resources

A poster for a speaker series. The title "Community of Care" is in large white letters on a yellow and orange background. A red circular badge says "Live on Zoom". Below the title, it says "A Free Speaker Series for Educators and Families". The schedule is "Tuesdays and Thursdays August 23 – October 6, 2022 6:30 – 8:00pm". Two text boxes at the bottom provide details about the series and topics.

Community of Care

Live on Zoom

A Free Speaker Series for Educators and Families

**Tuesdays and Thursdays
August 23 – October 6, 2022
6:30 – 8:00pm**

Parents and educators are invited to learn strategies and receive training on how to create a community of care to support healthy childhood and adolescent development.

Topics in our speaker series include:

- Social Emotional Learning
- Mental Health and Wellness
- Content Learning – Literacy and Math
- Parent Leadership

Parent Engagement

Parents and Educators are invited to join us for our FREE online Speaker Series "Community of Care." Learn strategies and receive training on how to support healthy childhood and adolescent development. Register at <https://sccoe.to/PEPCoC>



Arts Grants

We are pleased to announce our next grant cycle to support teachers in bringing arts experiences to their classrooms.

This year we have two (2) options: a \$500 grant that can be used for arts materials and supplies or, funds (amount specific to project/experience) for an art project, performances, workshops, field trips or art experiences. The materials and supplies grant is intended for a single classroom.

For the larger grant award, teachers may opt to apply together for a joint art experience for multiple classrooms. Please include all participating teachers in the grant application. So get your creative juices flowing for an art project or activity that will engage and inspire your students!

The grant applications will open Friday, September 9 and will close on Sunday, October 9. Grant funds must be expended by May 12, 2023 with the final report due by May 31,

2023. Our team will review the applications and will contact awardees by Wednesday, November 2.



PSLF Waiver

The Department of Education announced major changes to the [Public Service Loan Forgiveness program](#) for a limited time, as a result of the COVID-19 national emergency. Some borrowers will need to consolidate their federal loans and/or submit a PSLF form by Monday, October 31 to take advantage of this opportunity.



NATIONAL
**ARTS IN
EDUCATION WEEK**

Arts in Education Week

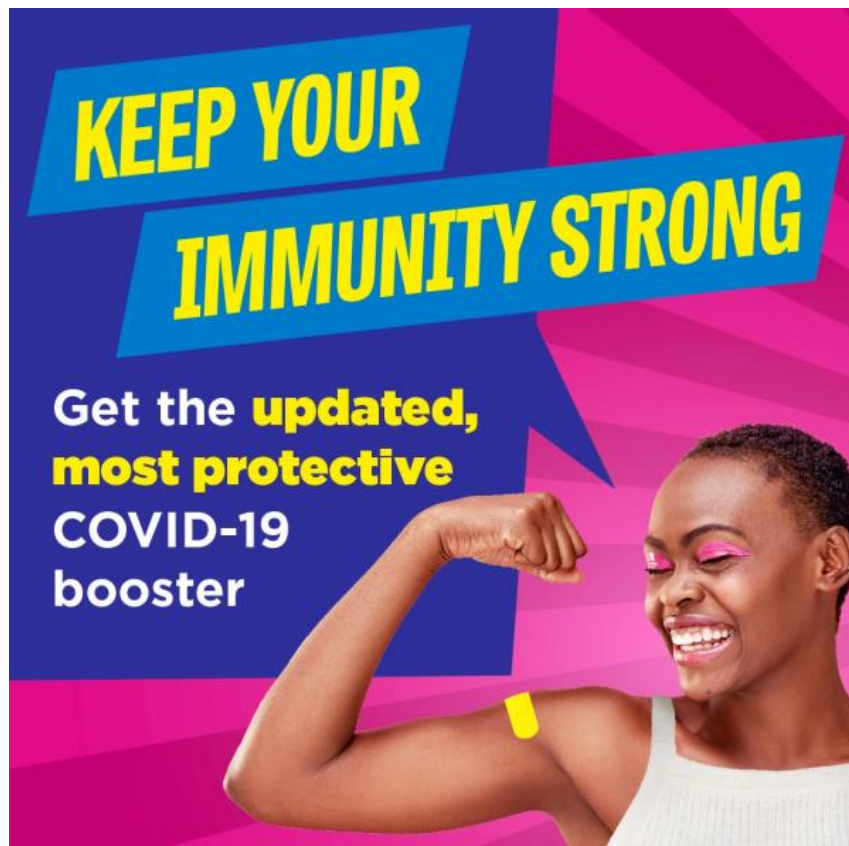
Passed by Congress in 2010, [House Resolution 275](#) designates the week beginning with the second Sunday in September as [National Arts in Education Week](#). During this week, the field of arts education joins together in communities across the country to tell the story of the impact of the transformative power of the arts in education.

There are several ways you can join in this year's campaign:

1. **Celebrate.** Host a virtual celebration for your community, whether big or small, an existing event, or a new one. Download and use the [shared logo](#) to use for promotion. Be sure to download the [5 Ways to Partner Packet](#) for other ideas of how to celebrate in your community!
2. **Advocate.** Work with your elected officials and decision-makers to share the value of the arts in education. Whether a mayor, principal, or U.S. Congressman, check out [sample resolutions](#) and [videos](#), send an op-ed to your local newspaper, and use the [Arts Education Navigator](#)—an online tool with six action steps to crafting a personal advocacy plan.
3. **Participate.** Share your story in the social media campaign, [#BecauseOfArtsEd](#), to bring national visibility to the issue of arts education. See below for more information and download the [Social Media How To Guide](#).

For more information visit [Americans for the Arts](#)

Health & Wellness



COVID-19 Boosters are Available

Bivalent COVID-19 vaccine boosters for individuals ages 12 years and up are here!

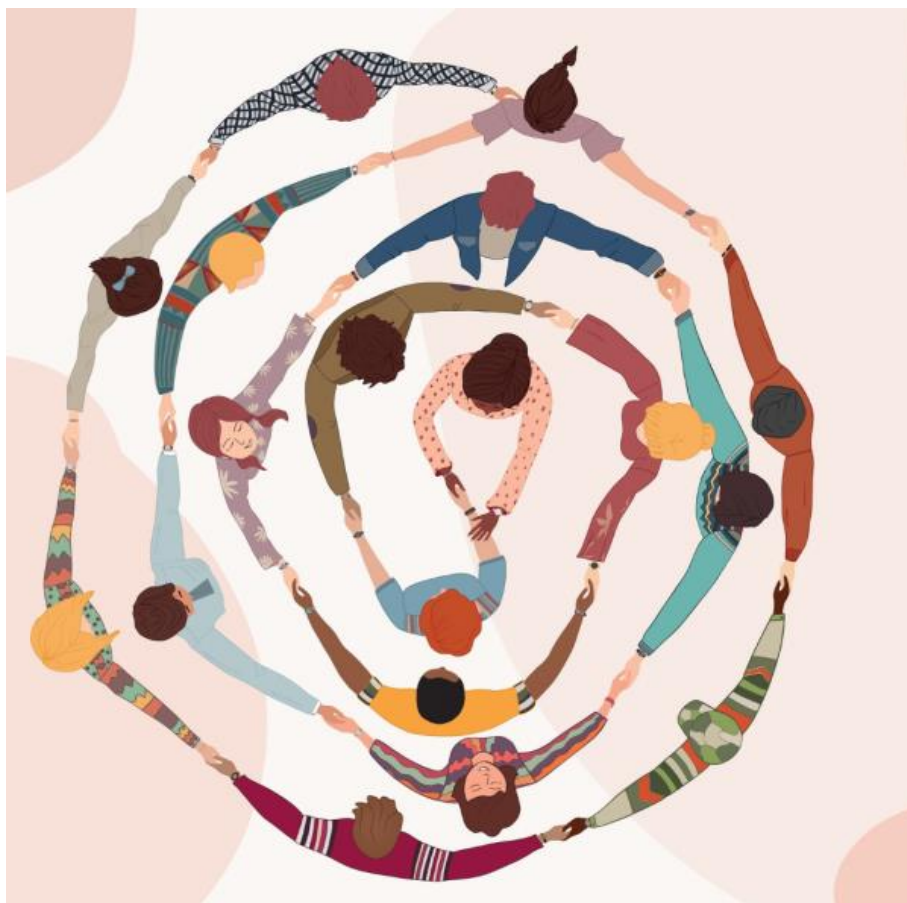
Individuals 18 years of age and older may be eligible for a single booster dose of the Moderna COVID-19 Bivalent Vaccine. Individuals 12 years of age and older may be eligible for a single booster dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Bivalent Vaccine.

Talk to your doctor today to ask for the vaccine. You can make an appointment at sccfreevax.org



Viva Calle

Viva CalleSJ is the perfect event for all ages! Ride, walk, roll or skate along 6 miles of open streets. Don't miss the fun on Sunday, September 18!



988 Lifeline

Suicide is a serious public health problem that can have lasting harmful effects on individuals, families, and communities. Suicidal talk and actions are more than a mental health concern. They are a cry for help.

If you or someone you know is in crisis, call or text 988 to reach the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline - or chat 988lifeline.org

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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