



## IMPACT Weekly

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

Dear Santa Clara County Community,

Happy New Year! The start of a new year often brings reflection about the year(s) prior, which encourages goal-setting to improve something in health, finances, relationships, and work.

Children can learn about goal setting too. This can be a fun time for growth, new learning and achievement for the whole family. Goal-setting can give children and youth a sense of responsibility, and can help them feel positive about themselves, their interests, and achievements.

Here are a few tips for young people to set goals for themselves and achieve them with your help:

- Be a role model: share your resolutions, explain why these resolutions were made, and set the example (don't ask them to do something you wouldn't do)
- Keep a positive approach to resolutions: be the historian of previous successes and growth
- Suggest some categories, help clarify goals, and make sure they are age appropriate

Setting intentions and sticking to them can teach children valuable lessons that are likely to stay with them throughout their lives.

Finally, the [National Weather Service](#) has warned that the Bay Area will be hit with two storms this week. The first storm scheduled to impact Santa Clara County will be on Wednesday and Thursday and it could potentially bring rain, strong winds, and power outages.

These weather systems are an excellent reminder to take the time to prepare for an emergency. Below are some



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important reminders to keep yourself and your family safe.

- Have a “go” bag ready if evacuations are necessary. Make sure to include any necessary medications and pet supplies.
- Keep your mobile devices fully charged and have backup portable chargers available.
- Make preparations ahead of time such as grocery shopping, full tanks of gas, drains and gutter clear of debris, etc.
- Have flashlights and batteries available.
- Travel only when necessary and stay updated on road conditions.
- Avoid flooded areas and down power lines. If you see a down power line call 9-1-1 or PG&E at 1-800-743-5000.
- Do not drive, walk, or swim through flood waters.

Other helpful resources include:

- [Sandbag locations](#)
- [Caltrans](#) for road conditions
- [PG&E](#)
- [National Weather Services](#)
- [Valley Water Flood and Safety webpage](#)

We are **#StrongerTogether**.

Be well,

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## SCCOE News



SCCOE Newsroom

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

## Community News and Resources

# ***Know before you go . . .***

Check road conditions at [QuickMap.dot.ca.gov](http://QuickMap.dot.ca.gov)



*Road Conditions*

Never drive into flooded areas. In a disaster, the road to safety may not be your usual route. Disasters may close roads and bus routes you usually take. Check your local weather forecast and sign up for alerts at [CalAlerts.org](http://CalAlerts.org). Check road conditions using the [Caltrans QuickMap](http://Caltrans QuickMap).



*Safety tips during storms*

Today's storm is expected to bring heavy rains, flooding and high winds. This could lead to falling trees and downed power lines. Make sure you have a plan in case you lose power. Get preparedness and safety tips from [Pacific Gas and Electric Company](http://Pacific Gas and Electric Company)



# PREPARE IN 4 STEPS

1. Subscribe to ALERTSCC at [www.AlertSCC.org](http://www.AlertSCC.org)
2. Make a plan
3. Build an emergency supply kit
4. Help family, friends and neighbors

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

*Emergency Preparedness*



*Silicon Valley Reads Kickoff*

[Registration](#) is now open for Silicon Valley Reads kickoff event. Mercury News columnist Sal Pizarro will moderate the conversation with all three featured authors: [Tommy Orange](#), [Amanda Skenandore](#) and [Kai Harris](#). Don't miss out on the opportunity to have your books signed by the authors after the event.

The event will be on Thursday, January 26, 2023, at 7 p.m. at the Visual and Performing Arts Center at De Anza College. It will be simultaneously livestreamed by the Commonwealth Club of Silicon Valley. Please register for this free event.



# EMPOWER HOMEBUYERS

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## COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA

### 2016 MEASURE A FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYER PROGRAM

*Down payment assistance loan program*

The Santa Clara County Office of Education is proud to host a homeownership webinar with Housing Trust Silicon Valley about the Empower Homebuyers SCC program! Join us to learn about this down payment assistance loan program and how the County of help you own your first home.

Administered by Housing Trust, Empower is a down payment assistance loan to help first-time homebuyers with up to 17% of the purchase price of a single-family home, condo, or townhome in Santa Clara County. The maximum loan amount is \$187,000 on a home which is \$1,100,000. With only a 3% down payment required from the homebuyers, a 20% down payment on the home is possible. As a 30-year deferred loan, no monthly loan payments are required.

This program is made for those with low to moderate incomes in the Bay Area. For example, with a household of four people, if your combined income is \$202,200 or less, you may be eligible. If you want to buy a home just for yourself and make \$141,550 or less, you may also qualify. All are welcome.

To learn more visit [HousingTrustSV.org/Empower](https://HousingTrustSV.org/Empower)  
WHEN: Wednesday, February 8, 2023, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.  
REGISTER: <https://bit.ly/EmpowerFeb8>  
Questions?  
Email: [EmpowerHomebuyersSCC@housingtrustsv.org](mailto:EmpowerHomebuyersSCC@housingtrustsv.org)  
Call: (408) 703-3837 Ext. 301.

**District News and Resources**



*Pursue a teaching career*

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

Visit <https://sccoe.to/StepIntoTeaching> to learn more and register.

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Educational Coach

Private Sector

Program Coordinator

Non-Profit



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YOUNG ARTIST  
SHOWCASE  
2023



*Young Artist Showcase*

The Santa Clara County Office of Education announces the 2023 Young Artist Showcase. This showcase is open to public school students, grades Pre-kindergarten through 12th grade, in Santa Clara County. Some students will have their artwork accepted into the permanent exhibit of student artwork located within the SCCOE campuses as well as showcased at the virtual Young Artist Showcase Celebration on May 9, 2023, celebrating Arts Education Month in California.

This year's artwork theme, 'Hope in a New Era', encourages youth to reimagine, through the arts and creativity, a new era of creative freedom and expression. This new space in time can involve a new way of thinking, learning, and interacting with new possibilities and new ways or reinforce meaningful ways to engage with friends, family, work, school, community spaces, and our natural environments.

To submit artwork, visit <https://sccoe.to/YAS2023SubmissionForm>  
For more information, visit <https://www.sccoe.org/arts/yas>



*Naloxone Training and Distribution Community Event*

In support of the public health response to opioid-related overdose deaths, the SCCOE, in collaboration with the Santa Clara County Behavioral Health Services and Santa Clara County Opioid Overdose Prevention Project (SCCOOPP), recently launched the Naloxone Training and Distribution Project. The project has established partnerships with schools to facilitate training to volunteer school staff and community members on the emergency administration of naloxone and distribute free Narcan kits to schools and at community events.

The SCCOE, in partnership with the Santa Clara County Opioid Overdose Prevention Project and Santa Clara County Behavioral Health Services, invites families, students, and community members to join us for a community event that will include training on administering Narcan, a presentation and panel discussion on the current opioid crisis and prevention measures, and free Narcan kit distribution.

The next Naloxone training and distribution will be on Monday, January 9 from 5:30 -7 p.m. at 1290 Ridder Park Drive in San Jose. To register, please visit <https://na.eventscloud.com/728816>





Viral Video Contest

The County of Santa Clara Public Health Department's Sexual Health & Harm Reduction Program is happy to announce the launch of the [2023 Viral Video Contest](#) this month for Santa Clara County high school-age youth. According to the CDC, 1 in 2 sexually active youth will get an STI by age 25 and most will not know it. This is an exciting opportunity for Santa Clara County high school students to address this staggering statistic by creating a short video (30-90 seconds) that addresses stigma around STIs and testing, encourages safer sexual practices, and promotes healthy relationships. Winning students will be awarded up to \$1,500 for themselves and \$500 for their high school. The submission deadline is March 12, 2023.

Watch and share this [short video about the Viral Video Contest](#). For more information and to see winning videos from previous years, go to [GoViralSCC.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 provides academic and fiscal oversight and monitoring to districts in addition to the Santa Clara County Board of Education authorized charter schools.*

*The SCCOE is a premier service organization driven by the core principles of equity, diversity, inclusion, and partnership. The SCCOE is committed to serving, inspiring, and promoting student and public school success. 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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