



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

Dear Santa Clara County Community,

Voting is a fundamental right and a duty of all citizens. The last two weeks of September are dedicated to encouraging and supporting high school students to pre-register to vote. Teens are eligible to pre-register to vote once they are 16 years old. According to the Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement (CIRCLE), more than 8 million youth were eligible to vote in 2022.

The Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE) is an advocate for youth voice in elections and will host local voter registration drives at high schools in coordination with the Registrar of Voters Office the last two weeks of September.

The SCCOE's Power of Democracy Civic Engagement Initiative promotes youth voice. The initiative is designed to foster an understanding of our democracy, share resources and encourage civic participation by youth in the county. To learn more about the SCCOE's efforts, visit: <https://civics.sccoe.org/>

The Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters has resources for future voters to learn more about how voting works and includes resources for young adults. To view this resource, visit: <https://sccvote.sccgov.org/get-involved/future-voters> Youth who are turning 16 or 17 can pre-register to vote, meaning their paperwork is complete ahead of an election. This process ensures there is no delay in eligibility to vote. For youth who are looking to pre-register to vote, visit: [www.sccvote.org/pre-reg](http://www.sccvote.org/pre-reg)

If you are interested in more information about voting, the Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters is hosting a National Voter Registration Day event on September 19 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at PayPal Inc. located at 2161 N. 1st Street, San Jose. There will be



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food, booths, games, activities and more. To learn more, visit: <https://sccvote.sccgov.org/get-involved/outreach>

If you know youth who are eligible to pre-register or register to vote, encourage them to learn more as their voice and vote make an impact in their communities.

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.

- [SCCOE News Minute \(09/12/2023\)](#)

## Community News and Resources



*Classified Job Fair*

The SCCOE's Annual Classified Job Fair will take place on September 23 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at 1290 Ridder Park Drive, San Jose. This is an opportunity for candidates to meet with school

districts to discuss current open classified positions, including: custodians, drivers, health clerks, maintenance workers, and more.

To learn more or register, visit: [www.sccoe.org/jobfair](http://www.sccoe.org/jobfair)

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*Spanish Story Time*

In honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, the Santa Clara County Library District is hosting a special Spanish Story Time. They will read *Paletero Man*, by Lucky Diaz, and afterwards a sweet treat will be provided while supplies last.

To view the schedule for readings, visit: <https://sccl.bibliocommons.com/v2/events?q=paleta>

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#### *Sustainability Commission Youth Recruitment*

The County of Santa Clara is recruiting two youth advocates for the Santa Clara County Sustainability Commission. In this role, you will help provide guidance on the County's efforts around climate change and sustainability. Youth ages 14 to 22 are encouraged to apply.

To apply, visit: <https://santaclaracounty.primegov.com/public/committees>

## School District News and Resources



#### *2023-2024 Equitable Grading Community of Practice*

The SCCOE will host a community of practice for all TK-12 educators, teachers on special assignment (TOSA), instructional coaches, and district-level administration. This collaboration will focus on equitable grading. The next meeting is on September 19 from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. via Zoom.

To learn more or register, visit: <https://na.eventscloud.com/754725>



*Educator Preparation Program (EPP)*

The SCCOE's Educator Preparation Program (EPP) is seeking applications for programs listed below:

- Clear Administrative Services Credential (CASC): September 30

The EPP is an SCCOE program to guide educators to achieve credentials. There are opportunities to receive financial support which the EPP can support.

To learn more or apply, visit: <https://eppscholar.sccoe.org/other/applications.jsp>



*LGBTQ+ History Month Showcase*

There is still time to attend the LGBTQ+ History Month Showcase this Thursday! This event will honor schools and school staff dedicated to LGBTQ+ inclusion, and a resource fair will follow.

To learn more or register, visit: <https://sccoe.to/LGBTQHistory>



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*News and Media Literacy for All*

Educators are encouraged to join the SCCOE and other partners for the virtual News and Media Literacy for All series. In this series of webinars, educators will discover resources, guidance and framework for teaching youth about media literacy. The next session is on September 21 from 3:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

To learn more or register, visit: <https://bit.ly/45H9qFM>

## Health and Wellness

### MEDI-CAL BENEFICIARIES

## Take action to keep your Medi-Cal!

Watch for an important renewal letter  
coming soon.



Medi-Cal



*Medi-Cal Coverage*



To continue coverage, individuals who are on MediCal or Medicaid must update their information as soon as possible.

The Department of Health Care Services has information to help individuals keep their coverage. In order to complete the necessary forms or to learn more visit: [www.KeepMediCalCoverage.org](http://www.KeepMediCalCoverage.org)

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*Naloxone Available Over the Counter*

Naloxone is a medication that can save lives by reversing an opioid overdose. The brand name of Narcan can now be purchased over the counter, without a prescription.

To learn more, visit: [https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CCDPHP/sapb/Pages/Over-the-Counter-\(OTC\)-Naloxone.aspx](https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CCDPHP/sapb/Pages/Over-the-Counter-(OTC)-Naloxone.aspx)

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**While young people are usually talking online to their friends, **virtual communication** is not without risks.**

**Cyberbullying, explicit content, extortion, and online predators are very real and can impact young minds.**



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TOOLKIT: [MHANATIONAL.ORG/YOUTH-TECH](https://www.mhanational.org/youth-tech)**

*Mental Health America: Youth Technology*

Mental Health America has created a toolkit for families to learn more about technology and its effect on youth mental health and adult mental health.

To learn more or view, visit: <https://www.mhanational.org/youth-tech>

### ***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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