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

Dear Santa Clara County Community,

Many observe the fall season as a time to share meals with their loved ones. For some, celebrations centered around food are not possible.

Food banks, such as <u>Second Harvest of Silicon Valley</u>, have drastically increased their impact, serving approximately 500,000 people each month. With over 11 million pounds of food distributed each month last year, the support provided to the community is incredible. Food banks rely on generous community members who dedicate their time to assist their communities. If you are interested in volunteering, visit: https://www.shfb.org/give-help/volunteer/

If you or someone you know would benefit from community assistance, please share the following resources that are available throughout the year.

- The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) provides low-income families financial assistance for nutritious food. To learn more visit: <u>https://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/supplementalnutrition-assistance-program</u>
- The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) supports lowincome pregnant and postpartum women with infants up to age five. To learn more, visit: https://www.fns.usda.gov/wic
- CalFresh Program helps low-income families purchase groceries. To learn more, visit: https://www.cdss.ca.gov/calfresh

Together, the greater community can support Santa Clara County families to enjoy nutritious meals for celebrations and throughout the year.



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

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 YouTube Channel

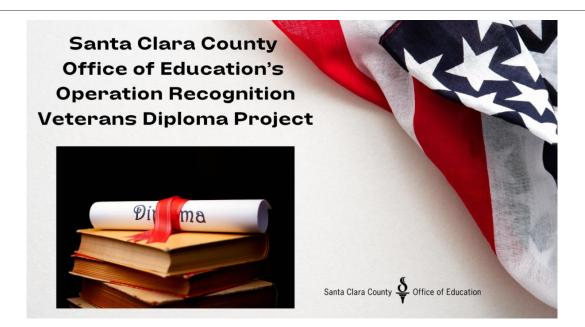
Join the SCCOE Team



Visit the SCCOE Job Opportunities Page for the latest information and job postings.

To stay up to date on all job opportunities at the SCCOE, register to receive the Jobs Bulletin: <u>https://sccoe.to/SCCOEJobsBulletin</u>

Community News and Resources



SCCOE Operation Recognition Veterans Diploma Project

Santa Clara County Office of Education's Operation Recognition Program is open to current residents of Santa Clara County whose high school education was interrupted by military service in World War II, the Korean War, or the Vietnam War. Degrees can also be applied for if the recognition is being honored to someone who has passed.

To apply, visit: https://sccoe.to/OperationRecognition



Santa Clara County Library District Volunteering

The Santa Clara County Library District seeks homework help volunteers to support students in grades K-6 in the topics of Math, Science, and English. Volunteer tutors must be at least 14 years old, available at least one day (Monday-Thursday) from 4 - 5:30 p.m., and commit to a full semester. Adults will be background checked, and all tutors must attend required training.

If you're ready to volunteer and help students with homework, please fill out our online application form: <u>https://sccld.org/volunteer/#sign</u>



Teachers and Tacos

Teachers are encouraged to join The Tech Interactive in celebrating your dedication and achievements this year. This free event will have activities, giveaways and tacos!

To learn more, visit: www.bit.ly/3QhqehY

School District News and Resources



California Indian Education Task Force (CIETF)

The Santa Clara County Office of Education is welcoming two Santa Clara County educators to its California Indian Education Task Force (CIETF). The task force will inform the creation, curation, and/or recommendation of high-quality curriculum related to the diversity of local tribes, tribal experiences and perspectives, history, culture, and government. These recommendations will be shared with school districts in the county.

To learn more or apply, visit: https://sccoe.to/AB1703EdApp



Environmental Literacy Leadership Collaborative

Join the Environmental Literacy Leadership Collaborative, a network of Community Based Partner organizations and Educators that will continue to explore ways to infuse environmental literacy into classrooms, schools, and districts.

The next virtual meeting is November 16 from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

To learn more or register, visit: https://na.eventscloud.com/ereg/index.php?eventid=754620&



Media Literacy and Online Critical Thinking Curriculum

The SCCOE has released a guidebook for adults to teach youth about social justice-centered media literacy. This material is free and available in both English and Spanish.

To learn more or view the guidebook, visit: https://sccoe.to/medialit



Grant Opportunities for Educators

Educators are encouraged to view the grant opportunities available to them.

To view them, visit: https://sccoe.to/GrantOpportunitiesforEducators

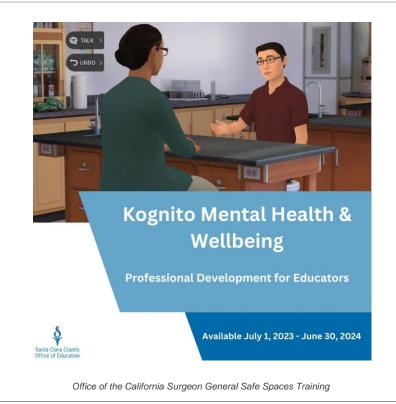




Medi-Cal Coverage

To continue coverage, individuals who are on Medi-Cal 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: <u>www.KeepMediCalCoverage.org</u>



The Office of the California Surgeon General has a Safe Spaces training available for educators and other school staff. This training was created to educate about trauma and stress in children and how to respond.

To learn more or complete the training, visit: https://osg.ca.gov/safespaces/



988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline

The 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline is a 24-hour confidential support line for those who are currently in a mental health emergency or know someone who is in a mental health emergency. This resource connects people to trained mental health professionals instead of only law enforcement.

To learn more about 988, visit: https://www.nimh.nih.gov/health/topics/suicide-prevention

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 <u>www.sccoe.org</u> and follow us @SCCOE on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Instagram</u>, and <u>LinkedIn</u>.

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