

## MISSION STATEMENT

The Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE) is committed to serving, inspiring, and promoting student and public school success.

## ABOUT THE COUNTY OFFICE

The SCCOE provides fiscal oversight, specialized student programs, technical assistance, and regional services to Santa Clara's 31 school districts, 22 SCCBOE authorized charter schools, and over 280,000 youth.

*The SCCOE is driven by the core principles of equity, diversity, inclusion, and partnership, and strives to address historic and systemic inequities, racism, and exclusion in education.*

## SCCOE JOINT LEGISLATIVE ADVISORY COMMITTEE EQUITY FOCUS & KEY PRIORITIES

The Joint Legislative Advisory Committee (JLAC) is committed to improving equity and access to high quality education for all students, especially groups who are historically underserved. JLAC will consider legislation and policy proposals through a lens of equity and may choose to prioritize legislation or policy proposals based on whether their implementation would ensure greater equity.

### Early Learning and Care

JLAC believes that early learning and care programs can help address systemic inequities and are essential to working families.

### Mental Health

JLAC believes that strategic efforts and partnerships should be made to address the growing student mental health crisis exacerbated by COVID-19.

### Data Governance and Transparency

JLAC believes that data, when used responsibly, ethically, and strategically, can increase access to services and improve lives and academic opportunities.

### Homeless Students and Foster Youth

JLAC believes that special efforts should be made to ensure that homeless students and foster youth receive wrap services and have caring and supportive adults in their lives.

### Digital Equity

JLAC believes that all students should have access to the internet and devices that are necessary to access education, health, and social services.

### Special Education

JLAC believes that students with disabilities are important members of the general education community and are deserving of equal dignity and inclusion.

### Funding

JLAC believes that returning excess property taxes to the county office of education would result in the greatest benefit for high need individuals in our community.