



STATE OF EDUCATION IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY

EQUITY | DIVERSITY | INCLUSION | PARTNERSHIP

Welcome from the County Superintendent of Schools



As County Superintendent of Schools, it is an honor and a privilege to see daily the incredible strides we make as a community to improve the educational outcomes for all students within Santa Clara County. Education empowers our young people, creates understanding, fosters critical thinking, builds character, and can change the future.

This is why I am so excited to welcome you to the State of Education in Santa Clara County! It is an opportunity to celebrate the achievements made in the past year and look toward our future.

The SCCOE is committed to serving, inspiring, and promoting student and public school success throughout Santa Clara County and to bring life to our values of equity, diversity, inclusion, and partnership.

This booklet is a celebration of recent public school success, and a summary of data for our county.

As we embark on a new decade, we celebrate where we have been while we roll up our sleeves to chart a course forward on behalf of our students. Educating children today to be prepared for tomorrow remains an essential goal for every educator in Santa Clara County.

I believe that each student makes it to graduation because someone believed in them. Join us as we continue to collaborate to ensure that every child gains the knowledge, the ability, and the support necessary to be successful in life.

Every day our 32 school districts and 21 County Board Approved Charter Schools are hard at work, motivating our almost 280,000 students to become lifelong learners, helping them succeed in the classroom and move toward that singular goal of high school graduation. Knowing we are working together to achieve this goal, and that we are a community that supports a shared vision of success for *every* child gives me great hope for the coming year – and our future.

My best wishes to everyone for a wonderful 2020!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary Ann Dewan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dr. Mary Ann Dewan

County Superintendent of Schools

Today's Agenda

Performance by
Lincoln High School Chamber Chorale

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National Anthem

Performed by **Iliana Zavala**
Boys & Girls Clubs of Silicon Valley

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Welcome:

Yesenia Reyes

Opportunity Youth Academy, San Jose

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Guest Speaker & Introduction:

Ted Lempert

President, Children Now

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State of Education:

Dr. Mary Ann Dewan

Santa Clara County Superintendent of Schools

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Highlights for 2020

Guest Speakers



Yesenia Reyes

Student, Opportunity Youth Academy

Yesenia has been with Opportunity Youth Academy since October of last year and has excelled in her academics. Despite various transitions in schools, she has completed 60 credits of core curriculum with outstanding grades (A/A+) at OYA. After obtaining her High School Diploma, Yesenia is pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work at a four-year University.



Ted Lempert

President, Children Now

Ted Lempert is the President of Children Now, a research and policy organization based in Oakland that is focused on transforming children's advocacy. Children Now coordinates The Children's Movement of California. Mr. Lempert is also a Lecturer in the Political Science Department at UC Berkeley.

Previously, he was the founding CEO of EdVoice, a California education reform organization. Mr. Lempert was also a California State Assemblymember representing Silicon Valley from 1996 to 2000 and 1988 to 1992. He served as chair of the Assembly Higher Education Committee and co-chair of the Joint Committee to Develop a Master Plan for Education. He had more than 75 bills signed

into law, including major policies in the areas of education, health care, children and families, tax policy and the environment.

Mr. Lempert also served on the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors, where he was President of the Board in 1995. Prior to holding public office, Mr. Lempert was special counsel and an associate for the law firm of Sheppard, Mullin, Richter and Hampton in San Francisco. Mr. Lempert received the "Al Rodda Lifetime Service Award" from the California School Boards Association and was named "Legislator of the Year" by numerous leading education groups, including the National Association of Educational Service Agencies, the California Association of School Administrators, California Community College Faculty and the UC and CSU Students Associations.

Mr. Lempert graduated from Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs and earned his law degree from Stanford University. He and his wife Nicole have three daughters.

Special Thank You

Lincoln High School Chamber Chorale

and

Iliana Zavala of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Silicon Valley

Programs of Excellence

Head Start

Our Early Learning Services Preschool Programs support the growth and development of children from birth to age 5. We promote school readiness of young children from low-income families through local programs. For more information visit: <http://headstart.sccoe.org/>

Strong Start

Strong Start is a coalition of community leaders, early education providers, nonprofit organizations, elected officials, members of the business community, and other key stakeholders who are committed to expanding access to high quality early learning opportunities for all children age 0 to 8 in Santa Clara County. <http://strongstartsantaclara.org/>

Environmental Literacy

In 2019, SCCOE developed an Environmental Literacy Landscape Analysis of the efforts in Environmental Literacy across the county. With the identification of trends in environmental literacy in the County, Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE) discovered ways to help school districts, administrators, and teachers drive adoption of the new standards that integrate the 5 Environmental Principles and Concepts. Read our findings here: <http://bit.ly/2019ELLA>

Young Artists Showcase

Every year, the Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE) invites public and charter school students in grades TK-12 to highlight their talents and participate in the Young Artists Showcase. Winning entries become part of the permanent collection at the SCCOE, the largest collection of adjudicated student artwork in the state. <https://artspiration.sccoe.org/students/Pages/Young-Artist-Showcase.aspx>



Head Start

Civic Engagement Expo

A one-day exposition of the Civic Engagement efforts happening countywide and in Region 5 and a celebration of teaching Civics and Civic Engagement. The event featured a keynote address by Historian James W. Loewen, a performance by Teatro Campesino, educator displays, and more. <https://communications325.wixsite.com/santaclarademocracy/post/civic-engagement-expo>

Julia Robinson Mathematics Festival

Throughout the school year, the SCCOE hosts this event at sites thorough out the county. The Julia Robinson Mathematics Festival provides students with the opportunity to “play” with numbers and math problems in a social and cooperative setting. This is not a competition, but an opportunity for students to have fun exploring math concepts.

Bilingual Teacher Professional Development

To meet the diverse needs of our student population, the Santa Clara County Office of Education offers a wide variety of workshops to assist teachers of English learners.

My Name, My Identity

The My Name, My Identity Campaign promotes awareness of valuing students’ cultures and languages by learning about their stories, unique names, and pledging to correctly pronounce student names. <https://www.mynamemyidentity.org/>

First Children’s Budget

In 2019, the County of Santa Clara created the First Children’s Budget. This document presents the Fiscal Year (FY) 2019-20 Adopted Budget for all children- and youth-oriented programs and services in the County of Santa Clara. It shows programs across the entire county that support the needs of children and youth, often in collaboration with community partners. <http://sccgov.iqwwm2.com/Citizens/FileOpen.aspx?Type=4&ID=194391>



My Name, My Identity

Our Impact



Special Education – *Our programs address equity, narrow achievement and opportunity gaps, and play a pivotal role in meeting the educational needs of students with special needs.*



Alternative Education – *We are committed to instruct, inspire, and support our students by providing opportunities for them to discover their potential, develop their character, and maximize learning so they become independent, life-long learners and productive citizens.*



Mock Trial Competition – *The Santa Clara County Office of Education and the Santa Clara County Bar Association are proud to partner to provide a unique opportunity for high school students to learn what it is like to prepare and present a legal case before the court.*



Young Artists Showcase – *Every year, the Santa Clara County Office of Education invites public and charter school students in grades TK-12 to highlight their talents and participate in the Young Artists Showcase. This event encourages students' interest in art and underscores the importance of art in our schools. Student artwork finalists are added to the largest permanent adjudicated collection of student artwork in California displayed at the Santa Clara County Office of Education.*



Early Learning Services – *Our Early Learning Services (ELS) Programs support the growth and development of children from birth to age 5 from low-income families.*

Students First – Focus Student Success



@KSmithSchool

My Name, My Identity – Names have deep and important ties to both family history and culture, and making the extra effort to use a person's preferred name and pronounce it correctly is a small step that can create a big impact.



Walden West – Santa Clara County Office of Education provides environmental science education for fifth and sixth graders in a residential camp setting. Visiting schools come for a 4-5 day program where students explore an outdoor classroom with experienced naturalists. California Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) are taught through hands-on learning.



Opportunity Youth Academy – Opportunity Youth Academy (OYA) students earn their high school diploma at their own pace. The individualized support of teachers, counselors, navigators, liaisons, and access to the services of SCCOE partners from community-based organizations is the hallmark of this unique program.

Special Recognition



Golden Bell Recognition

California School Boards Association's Golden Bell Award recognizes public school programs demonstrating a proven, positive effect in the classroom that focuses on meeting the needs of all students while fostering innovative and sustainable practices. This award also recognizes outstanding programs and governance practices of school boards in school districts and county offices of education throughout California.

<i>School District/School Name</i>	<i>Program being Recognized</i>
Metropolitan Education District, Silicon Valley CTE Center	Fire Science/First Responder
Morgan Hill Unified School District	Mapping the District's Future Through an Integrated and Data-Informed LCAP
Santa Clara County Office of Education	My Name, My Identity: Building a Culture of Respect
Alum Rock Union School District, Ocala STEAM Adademy	Ocala STEAM Academy: Design Thinking Campus
Milpitas USD, Alexander Rose Elementary/Robert Randal Elementary	Love 4 Literacy
Oak Grove Elementary School District	Sobrato Early Academic Language
Santa Clara Unified School District, Santa Clara High School	49ers STEM Leadership Institute
Sunnyvale School District	Social-Emotional Learning Program
Moreland School District, Moreland Middle School	Academic Empowerment for Student Success



National Blue Ribbon Awards

A National Blue Ribbon Award recognizes schools based on their overall academic excellence or their progress in closing achievement gaps among student subgroups. The National Blue Ribbon Award affirms the hard work of students, educators, families, and communities in creating safe and welcoming schools where students master challenging content.

2019 National Blue Ribbon School winner:

Campbell Union School District – Forest Hill Elementary School

California Distinguished Schools in Santa Clara County

The California Department of Education recognizes outstanding educational programs and practices that contribute to closing the achievement gap and assisting students in achieving at high levels. Distinguished School award winners represent not only excellent teaching, learning, and collaboration, but also highly effective school climate efforts ranging from real-time conflict resolution to positive behavior intervention. The California Distinguished School Awards allows an opportunity to collaborate for excellence and celebrate the accomplishments of remarkable schools in our county.

Evergreen Elementary	Chaboya Middle School
Evergreen Elementary	Quimby Oak Middle School
Fremont Union High	Lynbrook High School
Fremont Union High	Monta Vista High School
Gilroy Unified	Dr. TJ Owens Gilroy Early College Academy
Mountain View Whisman	Crittenden Middle School
Mountain View Whisman	Isaac Newton Graham Middle School
Oak Grove Elementary	Bernal Intermediate
Oak Grove Elementary	Herman (Leonard) Intermediate
Union Elementary	Union Middle School

Award-Winning Educators



Teacher Recognition Celebration

For the last 51 years SCCOE honors and salute teaching excellence in Santa Clara County. Teachers of the Year are selected by the 31 school districts for exceptional dedication to students, skill in the classroom, and commitment to lifelong learning. The 21st century is not an easy time to be a teacher, and we owe an enormous debt to our teachers for instilling global competencies in our students.

The 2019 teacher of the year award recipient is Cupertino High School, Fremont Union High School teacher, **Sean Bui**.

Arts Leadership and Civic Engagement Teacher Awards

Educators are also recognized who excel in the fields of Arts Leadership and Civic Engagement. The Arts Leadership Award is awarded to educators who are inspiring students to enjoy and excel in arts, languages, creative writing, and literature programs. Arts education boosts school attendance, academic achievement, and college-going rates; improves school climate; and promotes higher self-esteem, connectedness to school, and social-emotional development. The Civic Engagement Award is awarded to educators who are inspiring students to enjoy and excel in civics, history, government, journalism, social science, and community engagement programs. Civic involvement serves our broader society and facilitates upward mobility for young Americans by preparing workers for employment and strengthening economic resilience.

STEM Teaching Awards

Educators are honored with the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) Teaching Awards. This award is given to educators who demonstrate excellence in teaching STEM subjects, science, technology, engineering, and math. In Santa Clara County, we educate students in a valley that is known for its remarkable innovation and sweeping technological advances. It is imperative that our students are prepared to excel in STEM subjects to compete in Santa Clara County's rapidly advancing work fields.

School Board Recognition

January is School Board Member Recognition Month

Special thank you to all School Board members! School Board members aid in the establishment of education standards and benchmarks, and provide a critical link of accountability between the school system and local constituents. They offer an accessibility to voters that is unrivaled by other public officeholders.

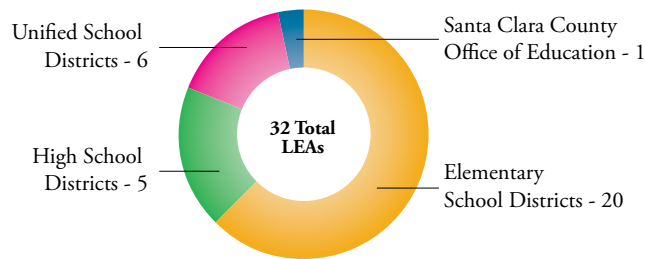
By the Numbers

Santa Clara County By the Numbers

Districts	Total Enrollment	Number of Schools
31	267,224	412

Source: CDE, Dataquest 2018/19

Local Education Agencies



Public School Sites

Traditional Schools *	
Elementary	255
Intermediate/Middle	64
Junior High	5
High School	56
K - 12	3
Preschool	2
Charter **	65
Total	383

Source: CDE, Public Schools and Districts Data File, January 14, 2020

Non-Traditional Schools/Programs	
Alternative	12
Community Day	3
Continuation	11
Metro Ed	1
Other ***	2
Total	29

All Schools	469
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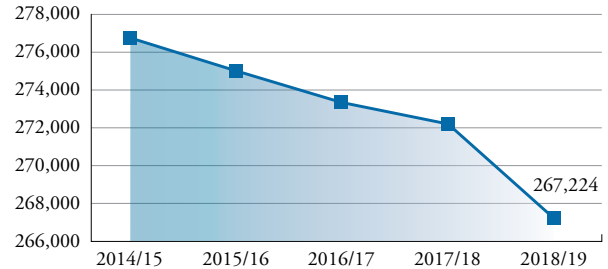
Source: CDE, Public Schools and Districts Data File, January 14, 2020

* Traditional Schools total excludes: Continuation, Community Day, Alternative, Special Education, and other types of non-traditional schools

** Included in elementary, middle, and high school counts

*** Other schools include: County Community, Juvenile Court School, and Special Education

Decline in Student Enrollment



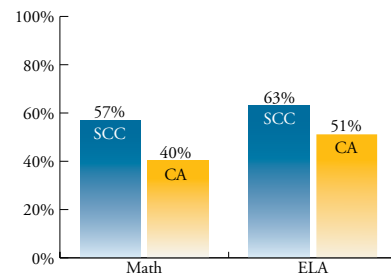
Note: Total student enrollment has declined by 3.4% over the past 5 years.
Source: CDE, DataQuest, Enrollment Multi-Year Summary (2014/15 - 2018/19)

Student Groups

	Number of Students	%
Special Education	28,409	11%
Homeless	2,739	1%
Foster Youth	557	.2%
Migrant	893	.3%
Socioeconomic Disadvantaged	101,890	38%
English Learners	58,384	22%

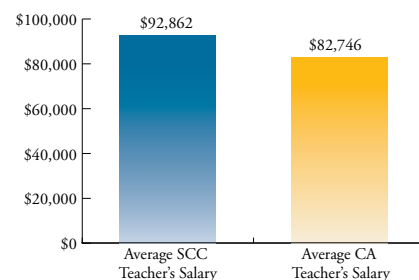
California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress

Students meeting or exceeding state standards in 2019



Santa Clara County Teachers

Number of full-time teachers - 12,828



Source: CDE, Selected Certificated Salaries and Related Statistics 2018/19

Highlights *for 2020*

Voters Choice Act

The Santa Clara County Office of Education will partner with the Registrar of Voters to be a polling place for the upcoming presidential election. With the new Voter's Choice Act, Santa Clara County citizens may vote at any Vote Center within the county. Vote Centers will be open for 11 days, giving more options to cast your ballot when and where it is most convenient for you.

Civic Engagement and Participation in Census 2020

Santa Clara County Office of Education is actively engaged with the California Complete Count. It is dedicated to ensure 100-percent of people living in Santa Clara County participate in the 2020 Census. Historically speaking, Santa Clara County has had one of the highest hard-to-count populations within the state. Census 2020 outcomes will impact funding for childcare, Head Start, Foster Care, School Lunch programs, Title I, Title III, and Special Education. The Santa Clara County Office of Education supports the work of Census 2020 through its participation in the Civic Engagement Leadership Group, Power of Democracy initiatives, and the work of the SCCOE History/Social Science/Civic Engagement Program.

Key Initiatives for 2020

Silicon Valley Reads 2020 – Women Making It Happen!

Silicon Valley Reads is more than just a community reads program; every year, Santa Clara County hosts a full schedule of community engagement events suitable for all ages. In recognition of the 100th anniversary of women's suffrage in the U.S., Silicon Valley Reads 2020 will celebrate the achievements of women – from the tenacious individuals who worked so hard to get women the right to vote in the early 1900s to the women and girls in the 21st century who are breaking gender barriers to excel in all areas of life. For more information, visit svreads.org.

Region 5 State Health Education Framework Committee

This year, the Santa Clara County Office of Education serves as the Region 5 Area Lead for the revision of the 2019 Health Education Framework for California Public Schools, Kindergarten Through Grade Twelve. The California Department of Education (CDE), Instructional Quality Commission (IQC), and State Board of Education (SBE) are currently in the process of revising the Health Education Framework. The Health Education Framework will provide guidance for implementing the California Health Education Standards.

Community of Practice for Emergency Preparedness

Our Community of Practice (CoP) for Emergency Preparedness rely on our concerted effort to implement and deploy safety procedures throughout the county. Continued communication with state, county and city emergency preparedness counterparts establishes a "culture of safety".

Partnerships with Districts

Recognizing the critical role that parental involvement plays in student success, the Santa Clara County Office of Education partners with districts throughout the county to host a wide variety of events including our Parent Engagement series to provide parents with the tools to support their children's academic achievement – and then teach other parents to do the same.

We provide services to districts, and partner with our districts through our various divisions, departments, and initiatives; including peer advocacy, Step into Teaching, Foster Youth Services, Positive Behavioral Interventions and Support, and more.

District LCAP Advisory Services provides personalized, strategic planning to help districts develop comprehensive, equity focused plans that tell their story. It is believed that when districts articulate where they have been, where they are now, and where they are going, they can effectively monitor and improve student outcomes. The Differentiated Assistance and District Support is customized for each district based on district identified problems of practice and root cause analyses through the lens of the MTSS framework.

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