



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

Hello everyone,

Tomorrow is International Literacy Day. While the importance of literacy is emphasized year-round, this day serves to remind us how essential literacy is for dignity and human rights. Despite progress, literacy challenges persist with at least 771 million adults worldwide.

This year's theme, "[Transforming Literacy Learning Spaces](#)," is an opportunity to create educational spaces that are equitable and inclusive for all. Literacy spaces can be created anywhere – homes, schools, parks, neighborhoods, libraries - where people can gather and practice reading and writing without judgment.



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County Superintendent of Schools

Here are a few tips for creating inclusive literacy spaces:

- Gather a variety of reading-level materials – recipes, magazines, books, poems
- Read aloud with loved ones and help with challenging words
- Practice writing skills through engaging activities – spell words with fruit snacks, or write a card to someone
- Engage children in reading early in life by reading to infants and toddlers and continuing this practice as they grow up

Consider a visit to a local library to participate in literacy programs for various ages. Adults who would like to sharpen their reading skills can do so through the [Santa Clara County Library District's Reading Program](#).

Together, we have the power to ignite a passion for reading and help others learn a lifelong skill.



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**QUALIFICATIONS:**

- 16 years of age or older on Election Day
- GPA 2.5 or higher
- U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident
- Written permission from parent and school official

[high.school@rov.sccgov.org](mailto:high.school@rov.sccgov.org)

*Student Volunteers Needed*

High School Volunteers Needed! Even if you can't vote yet, you can still serve as a Student Election Officer. The application deadline is Oct. 17. Students can earn a stipend or earn service learning hours, for more information visit: <https://sccvote.sccgov.org/get-involved/work-vote-center>

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**CLASSIFIED  
JOB FAIR**

Saturday, September 24  
[sccoe.org/jobfair](http://sccoe.org/jobfair)

*Make an impact in schools*

The [Classified Job Fair](#) began eight years ago in response to the ongoing need of our school districts and charters schools to hire for their open classified positions at their school sites and district offices. This event is an opportunity for qualified candidates to meet with school district hiring administrators. Representatives from school districts come to this central location for a day of interaction with candidates. This event will be held outdoors at our Ridder Park office on Saturday, September 24 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

**Those interested in the following positions should attend:**

- Paraeducators
- Food Service Workers
- Custodians
- Drivers (all levels)
- Clerical/Administrative Assistants
- Maintenance Workers
- Health Clerks/Health Aides
- Substitutes for the positions listed

## District News and Resources



*Nominate a teacher*

Nominate a teacher for awards in STEM, Art, and Civic Engagement. These awards will be presented at the 2022 Santa Clara County Teacher Recognition Celebration on Monday, October 24.

- Presented by The Tech Interactive, The Innies highlight key principles of STEM: Boldness, Curiosity, Collaboration, Perseverance, and Empathy. [P-12 teachers may apply by selecting a category and completing the form by September 23.](#) Submissions may require supporting documentation. One award will be given for each category.
- The [Santa Clara County Federal Credit Union Arts Leadership Award](#) honors those special instructors in Santa Clara County public schools who inspire students to enjoy and excel in arts, languages, creative writing, and literature programs. Submit your application by September 16.

- The [Santa Clara County Federal Credit Union Civic Engagement Award](#) honors those special instructors in Santa Clara County public schools who are inspiring students to enjoy and excel in civic, history, government, journalism, social science, and community engagement programs. Submit your application by September 16.



*Celebrate Arts In Education Week*

Passed by Congress in 2010, [House Resolution 275](#) designates the week beginning with the second Sunday in September as [National Arts in Education Week](#). During this week, the field of arts education joins together in communities across the country to tell the story of the impact of the transformative power of the arts in education.

There are several ways you can join in this year's campaign:

1. **Celebrate.** Host a virtual celebration for your community, whether big or small, an existing event, or a new one. Download and use the [shared logo](#) to use for promotion. Be sure to download the [5 Ways to Partner Packet](#) for other ideas of how to celebrate in your community!
2. **Advocate.** Work with your elected officials and decision-makers to share the value of the arts in education. Whether a mayor, principal, or U.S. Congressman, check out [sample resolutions](#) and [videos](#), send an op-ed to your local newspaper, and use the [Arts Education Navigator](#)—an online tool with six action steps to crafting a personal advocacy plan.
3. **Participate.** Share your story in the social media campaign, [#BecauseOfArtsEd](#), to bring national visibility to the issue of arts education. See below for more information and download the [Social Media How To Guide](#).

For more information visit [Americans for the Arts](#)

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Arts Grants

We are pleased to announce our next grant cycle to support teachers in bringing arts experiences to their classrooms.

This year we have two (2) options: a \$500 grant that can be used for arts materials and supplies or, funds (amount specific to project/experience) for an art project, performances, workshops, field trips or art experiences. The materials and supplies grant is intended for a single classroom.

For the larger grant award, teachers may opt to apply together for a joint art experience for multiple classrooms. Please include all participating teachers in the grant application. So get your creative juices flowing for an art project or activity that will engage and inspire your students!

The grant applications will open Friday, September 9 and will close on Sunday, October 9. Grant funds must be expended until May 12, 2023 with the final report due by May 31, 2023. Our team will review the applications and will contact awardees by Wednesday, November 2.



*Workshop on September 22-23*

The Santa Clara County Office of Education, California Community Schools Learning Exchange, and the National Center for Community Schools are proud to announce that registration is now open for the California-based Fundamentals Workshops. This is an in-person learning and networking opportunity designed specifically for California County Offices of Education, district, school, and community partner teams – especially those that have received planning or implementation grants or are interested in applying for the \$4,000,000,000 in state and/or federal community school funding in California.

This workshop will be on September 22 and 23 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Santa Clara Convention Center. To register, visit <https://www.eventleaf.com/e/cs-fundamentals-sanjose>

For more information, contact [youthhealthwellness@sccoe.org](mailto:youthhealthwellness@sccoe.org)

**GOLDEN STATE TEACHER GRANT PROGRAM**

**READY TO APPLY?**  
2022-2023 APPLICATIONS  
**NOW AVAILABLE**

SCAN QR OR VISIT GSTG SITE  
CSAC.CA.GOV/GSTG

ACCESS GSTG APPLICATION  
GSTG.CSAC.CA.GOV

**CSAC** GOLDEN STATE TEACHER GRANT PROGRAM CALIFORNIA STUDENT AID COMMISSION

*Grants Application*

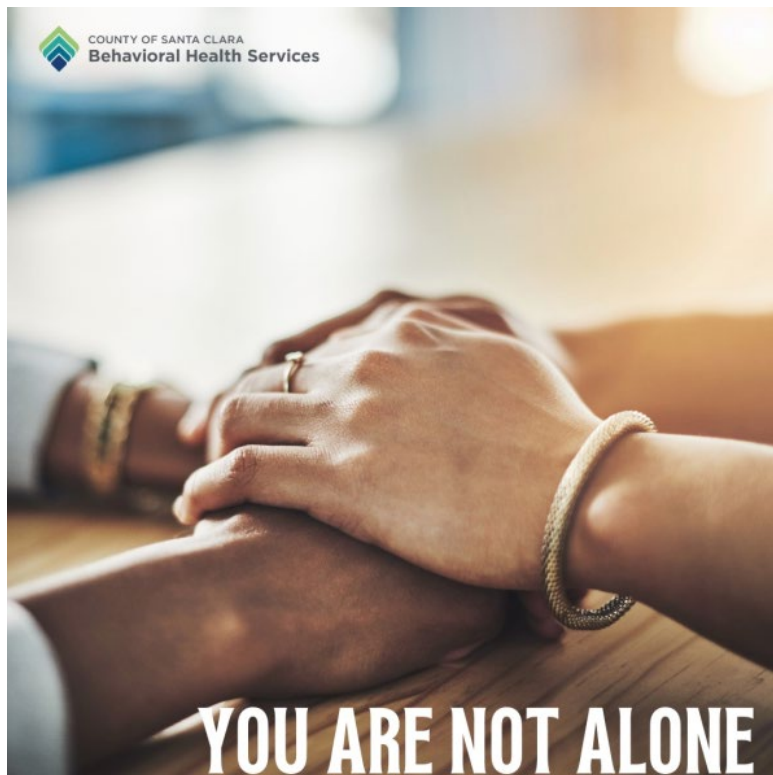
California students currently enrolled in a professional preparation program and working towards earning their preliminary teaching or pupil personnel services credential may be

eligible to receive up to \$20,000 through the Golden State Teacher Grant Program! Applications for 2022-23 are now available! Visit [csac.ca.gov/GSTG](https://csac.ca.gov/GSTG) for more information from the [California Student Aid Commission](https://csac.ca.gov).

## Health & Wellness



*Relief from the heat*



*Mental Health*

Whether you're battling with a mental illness, a disease, friends/family issues, or anything else - remember that no one is perfect and no one has a perfect life. Everyone is dealing



with something. Just because everyone else seems upbeat and happy around you, doesn't mean that they are 100% feeling that way on the inside. The more we discuss with one another our personal battles, the more we are reminded that we are not alone.

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**Available now!**

## MPX 2nd doses

Doctors recommend everyone who got a first dose gets a second.

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Santa Clara County  
**PUBLIC  
HEALTH**

*Schedule your second dose*

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Boosters coming soon!

Bivalent [COVID-19 vaccine boosters](#) for individuals ages 12 years and up are coming soon!

Individuals 18 years of age and older may be eligible for a single booster dose of the Moderna COVID-19 Bivalent Vaccine.

Individuals 12 years of age and older may be eligible for a single booster dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Bivalent Vaccine.

### **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 also provides academic and fiscal oversight and monitoring to districts in addition to the 22 Santa Clara County Board of Education authorized charter schools. For more information about the Santa Clara County Office of Education, please visit [www.sccoe.org](http://www.sccoe.org).*

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