



IMPACT Weekly

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

Dear Santa Clara County Community,

With the season changing and the weather cooling, it's essential to continue monitoring your family's health. What may start out as sniffles, could turn into a cold, flu, COVID-19, or other communicable illness requiring your child to stay home from school.

It's important to familiarize yourself with your school's protocols to report absences. Reducing the number of unexcused absences and risk of truancy are critical to learning. Missing two days of school each month equates to 18 days missed per year, which can lead to learning loss. Establish a plan with your child's pediatrician, school nurse, and teacher to keep your child on track with their learning.

Here are some winter wellness tips for families to keep everyone healthy during and beyond the winter months:

- Help limit exposure to germs by teaching and practicing effective hand washing and sanitizing.
- To help reduce the spread of illness-causing germs, it may be helpful to teach children to cover their cough and sneeze in their elbows.
- Wearing masks indoors, staying up-to-date on vaccinations, and staying home when sick are effective measures that keep the community healthy.

Santa Clara County continues to provide [flu](#) and [COVID-19 vaccinations](#) to residents for no charge.

Incorporating healthy habits into your family's routine can keep them healthy all 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.

Community News and Resources

Join our
TEAM!
#WeAreSCCOE

WE ARE
HIRING

Santa Clara County  Office of Education



BECOME A PART OF **OUR** STORY

We're Hiring

The Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE) is an organization of diverse talents working together to serve, inspire and promote student and public school success. Our employees make a difference! To view open positions, visit <https://www.sccoe.org/jobopps/Pages/home.aspx>



EMPOWER HOMEBUYERS

COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA

2016 MEASURE A FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYER PROGRAM

The Santa Clara County Office of Education is proud to host a homeownership webinar with Housing Trust Silicon Valley about the Empower Homebuyers SCC program! Join us

and learn how the County of Santa Clara's down payment assistance loan program can help you own your first home.

Administered by Housing Trust, Empower is a down payment assistance loan to help first-time homebuyers with up to 17% of the purchase price of a single family home, condo, or townhome in Santa Clara County. The maximum loan amount is \$187,000 on a home that is \$1,100,000. With only a 3% down payment required from the homebuyers, a 20% down payment on the home is possible. As a 30-year deferred loan, no monthly loan payments are required.

This program is made for those with low to moderate incomes in the Bay Area. For example, with a household of four people, if your combined income is \$202,200 or less, you may be eligible. If you want to buy a home just for yourself and make \$141,550 or less, you may also qualify.

To learn more visit HousingTrustSV.org/Empower. All are welcome.

WHEN: Wednesday, February 8, 2023, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

REGISTER: <https://bit.ly/EmpowerFeb8>

Questions?

Email: EmpowerHomebuyersSCC@housingtrustsv.org

Call: (408) 703-3837 Ext. 301.

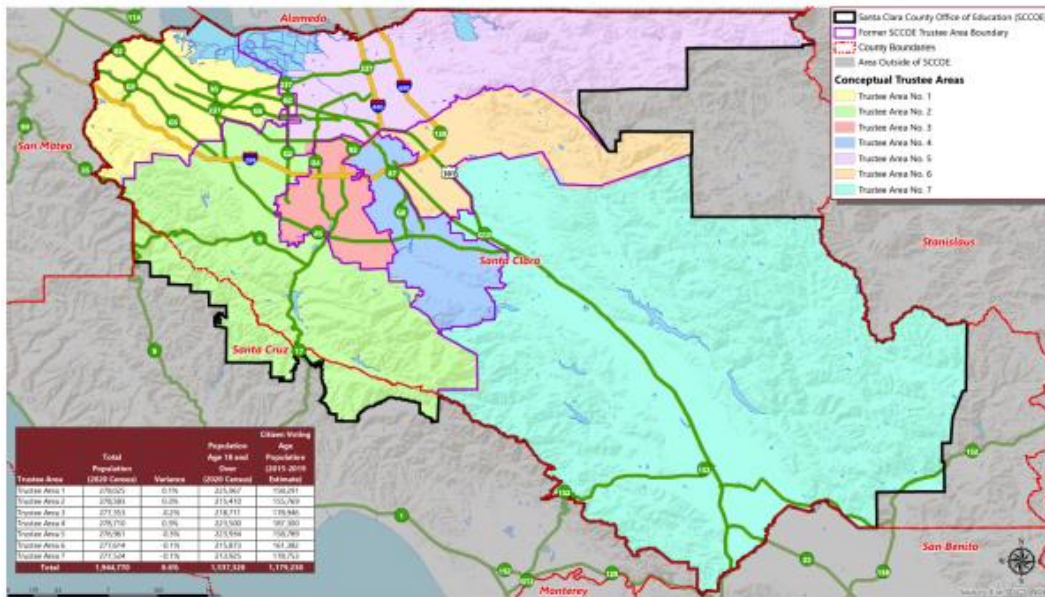


National Novel Writing Month

If you're participating in National Novel Writing month this year, here are some resources from the Santa Clara County Library District:

<https://sccl.bibliocommons.com/list/share/71513089/2192998939>

District News and Resources



Apply to the County Board of Education

The Santa Clara County Board of Education (SCCBOE), pursuant to California Education Code sections 5090-5093, began accepting applications on November 3, 2022 to fill a vacancy on its seven-member County Board of Education. The open SCCBOE Trustee Area 3 seat was created after Trustee Rosemary Kamei submitted her deferred resignation, effective on December 21, 2022.

Pursuant to the California Education Code, the SCCBOE serves as a decision-making body for countywide charter schools and as the appellate body for charter school petitions denied by local school districts, and for interdistrict transfer attendance requests and student expulsions.

Any registered voter residing in Trustee Area 3 is eligible to serve on the SCCBOE, except the county superintendent of schools or any member of their staff and any employee of a public school district or charter school within the jurisdiction of the Santa Clara County Board of Education. The SCCBOE invites any eligible person who would like to be considered as a candidate for appointment to apply.

Applicants must be registered voters and must reside within County Board Trustee Area 3, which includes Cambrian, Campbell Union, Luther Burbank, Moreland, Union and Campbell Union High School Districts and a small portion of San Jose Unified and Santa Clara Unified. Applicants can verify residency in Area 3 by calling the Santa Clara County Office of Education at (408) 453-6924.

In addition, California law requires that candidates be at least 18 years of age, a citizen of California, and must not be disqualified from holding a civil office. The provisional appointee will serve until the term of office of the vacant seat expires in November 2024.

Interested individuals should apply by submitting a letter of application that includes their address, interests and qualifications for the position, a minimum of three references, and a resume. **All materials must be received by 5:00 p.m., Thursday, November 17, 2022.** Submit applications to Dr. Mary Ann Dewan, County Superintendent of Schools, 1290 Ridder Park Drive, MC 201, San Jose, CA 95131-2304 or email documents to MDewan@scoe.org. All materials, upon submission, become property of the SCCOE and as such, are public records.

Eligible candidates will be interviewed at a public meeting of the SCCBOE on November 28, 2022. It is anticipated that the County Board will take action on the appointment at the November 28, 2022 meeting.

For further information, contact the County Superintendent's Office at (408) 453-6540.

Boundary Information/Trustee Map

[Trustee Area Map](#)

[Interactive Trustee Map](#)



Nominations are open

The submission deadline for the [California Student Aid Commission's](#) Arthur S. Marmaduke High School Counselor Award closes on Thursday, December 1. Each year, the CSAC solicits nominations recommending a California high school counselor who demonstrates effectiveness in serving students in preparing for and pursuing their higher education.

Submit your online nomination at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RF5TYFY>



Click the image to see a list of grants



Scholarship applications are open

The eQuality Scholarship Collaborative is accepting applications for the 2023 eQuality Scholarships.

They expect to award 18 or more \$6,000 scholarships to assist with post-secondary educational expenses. Eligible students include those graduating (or recently having graduated) high school, community college transfer students, and medical students. Applicants for all scholarships must have demonstrated service to the LGBT+ community. Applicants of all sexual orientations and gender identities are eligible for most scholarships.

Please encourage any eligible students you know to submit an application by **January 31, 2023**. Refer them to our [website](#) for complete eligibility requirements and the link to the online application.

Health & Wellness



Get Paid!

Monthly grants to offset your out-of-pocket medical expenses, prescriptions, co-pays, or health insurance premiums based on your annual gross household income.

MEDASSIST

No matter where
you get your care...

Financial assistance for medication

The MedAssist program design focuses on financial assistance to reduce the burden on patients who have high out-of-pocket healthcare costs that they cannot afford. This program is similar to other government support programs like Cal-Fresh and CalWORKs.

Eligible patients who participate in MedAssist will receive up to three (3) grants to off-set high out-of-pocket prescription expenses for their insulin, asthma inhalers, and/or epinephrine auto-injectors.

For more information, visit <https://www.scvmc.org/patients-visitors/services/medassist-program>



Health and wellness resources

This National Native American Heritage Month, highlight information and resources that celebrate the history of Indigenous peoples and recognize the health disparities that still exist for Indigenous peoples.

For healthcare and wellness services, consider the Indian Health Center of Santa Clara Valley. You can find more information here: <https://www.indianhealthcenter.org/>

**DOWNTOWN
YOUTH
WELLNESS
CENTER**

725 East Santa Clara Street
Suite 105
San Jose, CA 95112

Center Hours:
Mon: closed
Tues: 10am - 7pm
Wed: 10am - 7pm
Thurs: 10am - 7pm
Fri: 10am - 7pm
Sat: 9am - 5pm

Downtown Youth Wellness Center Hours

Downtown Youth Wellness Center (DYWC) is a NEW program serving our community, ages 12-25. The DYWC is dedicated to promoting a safe, supportive, and youth-focused environment. Our Music and Self-Care Group meets on Wednesdays from 4:30 to 5:30 PM.

Location: 725 E. Santa Clara Street, 1st floor, Suite 105, San Jose, 95112.

Times: Tuesdays – Fridays from 10 a.m.-7 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m-5 p.m. (No appointment required)

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.

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