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SANTA CLARA COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION

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

Dear Santa Clara County Community,

Learning environments are no place for hate. Join friends, family, colleagues and peers in standing up against hate and implicit biases that are a danger to the safety of communities during United Against Hate Week.

Sadly, the Santa Clara County community, like many other communities throughout the nation, have experienced a rise in hate crimes. If you or someone you know is a victim of a hate crime, the County of Santa Clara District Attorney's Office has a dedicated team to support you. Please visit their website at

<https://countyda.sccgov.org/prosecution/departments/hate-crimes-team>

The Santa Clara County Office of Education's (SCCOE) mission and goals value inclusivity and equity for all students, their families and the greater Santa Clara County community. The SCCOE Inclusion Collaborative promotes a culture that values all children by strengthening, sustaining, and ensuring inclusive practices. Every individual, regardless of abilities and disabilities, has the right to quality, equitable, and inclusive learning and community environments.

There are many ways to be an upstander against hate. For resources and ways to participate in United Against Hate Week, please visit <https://www.unitedagainsthateweek.org/>

Together, we can build a safer and more equitable community.

We are **#StrongerTogether**.



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

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



Silicon Valley Reads

[Silicon Valley Reads](#) is celebrating its 20th anniversary in 2023, with special programs at schools, libraries and local organizations. The theme for Silicon Valley Reads 2023 is *Journey to New Beginnings*.

The following books have been selected for our youth audience:

PreK-Grade 1:

[Coquí in the City](#) by Nomar Perez

Grades 2-4:

[Sugar in Milk](#) by Thrity N. Umrigar

Grades 5-8:

[When Stars are Scattered](#) by Victoria Jamieson & Omar Mohamed

High School/Young Adult:

[Furia](#) by Yamile Saied Méndez

Put a hold on these titles now!

There will be dozens of free programs for all ages between February and March. The complete schedule of events will be made available in January on the SiliconValleyReads.org website.



Writing Contest

The Eating Disorders Resource Center (EDRC) hosts an annual [multimedia contest, Be-You-tiful](#), highlighting the writing and art of grade 6 through 12 students in Santa Clara County. The EDRC's ultimate goal in hosting the contest is to provide students the opportunity to share their experiences with mental health and body image, encouraging them to dispel misconceptions and speak up for a solution.

This year's theme is mental health, self acceptance, and social media. Submissions are due by April 8, 2023. If you have questions, contact 408.356.1212 or beauty@edrcsv.org.



Holiday Cooking Safety

Kitchens are often the heart of every home, especially during the holidays. Safety in the kitchen is important when there is a lot of activity. Learn more about how you can keep yourself and your family safe during holiday cooking by visiting bit.ly/scCFiresafety.

EMPOWER HOMEBUYERS

COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA
2016 MEASURE A FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYER PROGRAM

Homeownership Webinar

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.

District News and Resources

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TEAM!
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HIRING

Santa Clara County  Office of Education

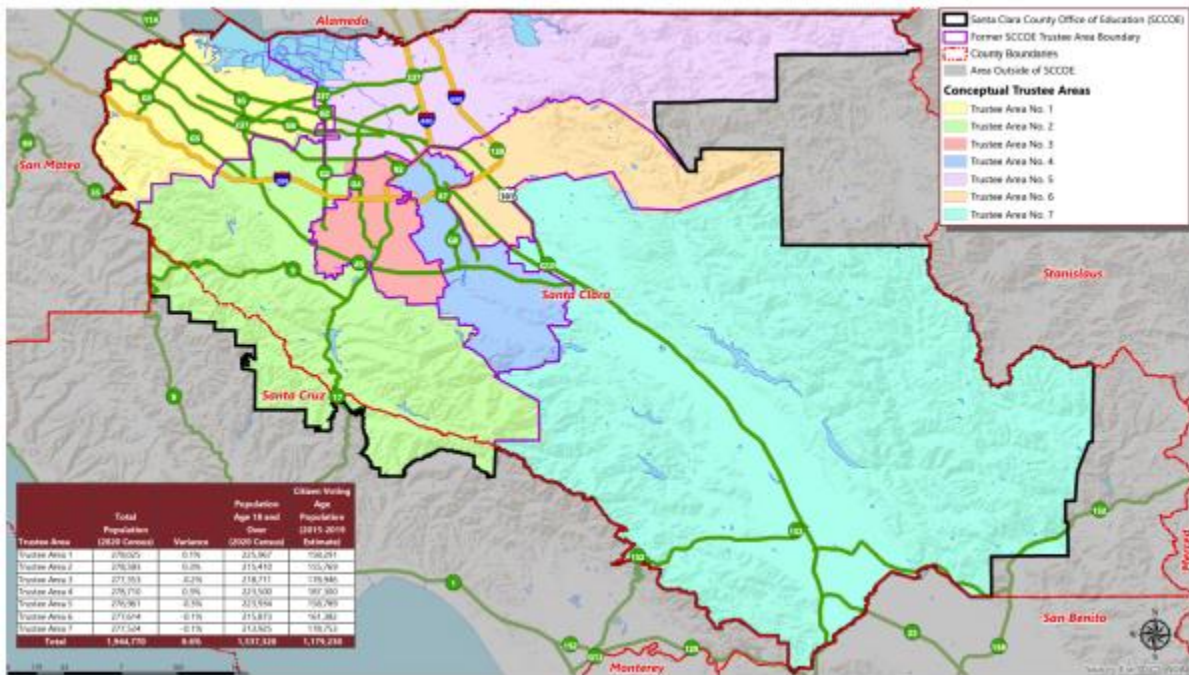
BECOME A PART OF **OUR** STORY

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>



Click the image to see a list of grants



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@sccoe.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](#)

Health & Wellness

wastewater data

questions and answers

Q

Why should I care about COVID wastewater data?

A

Wastewater analysis helps us understand COVID transmission in the community and is available sooner than data from labs and hospitals.

Q

What does the wastewater dashboard help with?

A

Wastewater pinpoints local COVID concentration levels, guiding Public Health resources

Santa Clara County
**PUBLIC
HEALTH**

Wastewater Data

Wastewater monitoring has played a pivotal role in predicting and tracking the presence of COVID in the community. Monitoring these data allows the public and other health professionals to understand whether COVID transmission is increasing or decreasing and if new variants are rising in prominence.

Visit covid19.sccgov.org/wastewater



Winter Health and Wellness

Feeling under the weather? It could be COVID-19 or the flu. Stay home and away from others. Get tested, and consult with your doctor if you feel any symptoms like a fever, cough, shortness of breath, fatigue, sore throat, and/or loss of taste or smell. For information about testing, visit <https://covid19.ca.gov/get-tested>



During the colder months, people may experience mood changes and start to feel down. If you have noticed significant changes in your mood and behavior whenever the seasons change, you may be suffering from seasonal affective disorder (SAD), a type of depression. For support and resources, visit <https://www.nimh.nih.gov/health/publications/seasonal-affective-disorder>

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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