Dear Santa Clara County Community,

This Friday commemorates the 47th anniversary of the nation’s first special education law, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), signed by President Ford on December 2, 1975. This law was critical and necessary to make education and resources equitable for all children.

The Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE) proudly continues to work to equitably serve all children through various programs and resources. The SCCOE’s Special Education Department serves students from birth to age 22 with disabilities, providing the early education, pre-school, elementary, secondary, and post-senior programs. The Inclusion Collaborative of the SCCOE builds a culture that promotes equity, inclusion and belonging through inclusive practices. Families, teachers and community members working with children who have disabilities and other needs can contact the Inclusion Support Warmline for free supports. To contact the Inclusion Support Warmline, call (408) 453-6651 or send an email to Inclusionwarmline@sccoe.org

As a nation, we have come a long way since the signing of IDEA. I encourage you to think about what more can be done to support students with disabilities, and how we can create welcoming and inclusive learning environments.

Here are a few book recommendations that help children understand that each of us are unique:

- Six Dots: A Story of Young Louis Braille
- I Talk Like a River
- Wonder
• Out of My Mind

Together, we can work to create and sustain equitable access to inclusive learning and community environments for all.

We are #StrongerTogether.

Be well,

Mary Ann Dewan, Ph.D.
County Superintendent of Schools
Volunteering is a great way to help keep your community beautiful, and there are multiple park volunteer events happening in December to choose from!

Volunteer events serve as a great opportunity to earn community service hours, build community or simply volunteer with others who enjoy our local outdoors. No experience is necessary, and all tools will be provided.

To learn more and to register, please visit sanjoseca.gov/prns-volunteer

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**Join Our Team**

We are hiring

Visit SCCOE.org/jobopps to view available positions

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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
Help the City of San José replenish its urban tree canopy by planting a street tree and receive a rebate of up to $100 to cover the cost! Street trees don’t just look good but are also linked with numerous health, safety, and financial benefits as well as providing valuable shade.


**District News and Resources**
The CDE State Seal of Biliteracy webpage has been updated with new information and resources for local educational agencies to utilize including updated FAQs, archived webinars, and downloadable resources to share with multilingual learners in preschool, elementary, and middle school and their families.

For more information, visit [https://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/el/er/sealofbiliteracy.asp](https://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/el/er/sealofbiliteracy.asp).

The Santa Clara County Office of Education announces the 2023 Young Artist Showcase. This showcase is open to public school students, grades Pre-kindergarten through 12th grade, in Santa Clara County. Some students will have their artwork accepted into the permanent exhibit of student artwork located within the SCCOE campuses as well as showcased at the virtual Young Artist Showcase Celebration on May 9, 2023, celebrating Arts Education Month in California.

This year’s artwork theme, ‘Hope in a New Era’, encourages youth to reimagine, through the arts and creativity, a new era of creative freedom and expression. This new space in time can involve a new way of thinking, learning, and interacting with new possibilities and
new ways or reinforce meaningful ways to engage with friends, family, work, school, community spaces, and our natural environments.

To submit artwork, visit https://sccoe.to/YAS2023SubmissionForm
For more information, visit https://www.sccoe.org/arts/yas

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'Tis the season for greeting cards! Crayola is excited to be joined by Hallmark design engineer, Charity Fluharty, as she discusses her passion and experience for creating cards for every occasion. Then grab some supplies and create your own holiday and everyday kindness pop-up cards for someone special.

For more details, visit the Crayola Education Facebook page.

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Health & Wellness

Need help with mental health or substance abuse? Join the County of Santa Clara Behavioral Health Services Department Mental Health & Substance Use Support Group at
The holidays can be such a stressful time.

Take a few minutes for yourself with this free mindfulness app, Headspace. It’s an app for busy, modern lives to learn the essentials of meditation and mindfulness in just minute a day. Find hundreds of guided meditations on a variety of topics, from stress and sleep to focus and performance.

All Headspaces accounts are open for free enrollment through SCCLD at the start of the month. The borrowing period ends on the last day of the month at 8 p.m. PST. Make sure to sign up for December on Thursday!

Patrons are welcome to re-enroll on the first day of the new month. All personal progress and completed sessions will be saved to your account. Give it a try today: https://sccld.org/about-headspace/
Stay Healthy this Winter

Winter virus season is here early, and pediatric hospitalizations are on the rise. This winter and the holiday gathering season, help protect yourself and the vulnerable (especially...
young children and babies) from many circulating viruses, including the flu, COVID-19, and Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV).

Take these measures to help keep yourself and those you love healthy and out of the hospital.

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**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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**December 2022 Events Calendar**

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