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

Dear Santa Clara County Community,

Ensuring the safety of our children and the adults who work with them is of the utmost importance to the Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE). August is National Immunization Month.

According to KidsData.org, in California, since 2016, the rate of kindergarteners overdue for their required vaccinations increased by over 600%. In 2020, there were over 1,000 cases of vaccine-preventable childhood diseases reported to the State Department of Public Health. Illnesses, such as whooping cough, the most commonly reported preventable disease, can impact youth in their development and their school attendance. By receiving routine vaccines and performing routine health screenings, youth are supported in their development during their most impactful years. Now is the time to speak to your child’s pediatrician to help them to be healthy for the next school year.

The Center for Disease Control (CDC) has resources for families who have questions or want to learn more about adult and childhood vaccinations. The CDC has immunization schedules that families can utilize to make educated decisions about vaccines appropriate for children. To view these resources and more, visit: https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/events/niam/index.html

Prioritizing vaccines and other health checks allows youth to learn and grow in healthy and safe environments. Families are encouraged to check in with their pediatrician or their clinic.

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 the SCCOE at the Silicon Valley Pride Parade and Festival on August 27. The event has a variety of festivities on August 26 and August 27 and is a celebration of LGBTQ+ friends, family, and community members.

To learn more visit: https://www.svpride.com/

See you there!
Classified Job Fair

The SCCOE’s Annual Classified Job Fair will take place on September 23 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at 1290 Ridder Park Drive, San Jose. This is an opportunity for candidates to meet with school districts to discuss current open classified positions, including custodians, drivers, health clerks, maintenance workers, and more.

To learn more or register, visit: [www.sccoe.org/jobfair](http://www.sccoe.org/jobfair)

KQED Youth Media Show

KQED is recruiting Bay Area youth to join their new show. Youth ages 16-21 are encouraged to apply to help build the new show from the ground up. The deadline to apply is August 7.

To learn more or apply, visit: [https://www.kqed.org/education/536703/youthmediashowapplication](https://www.kqed.org/education/536703/youthmediashowapplication)
The Gates Scholarship is a scholarship for minority high school seniors from low-income households to help lower the barriers for youth dedicated to attending college. The scholarship is for student leaders to help them maximize their potential by attending university. The deadline to apply is September 15.

To learn more or apply, visit: https://www.thegatesscholarship.org/

District News and Resources

The SCCOE’s Educator Preparation Program (EPP) is seeking applications for programs listed below:
- Special Education Preliminary Credential program: August 10, 2023
- Preliminary Administrative Services Credential (PASC): August 10, 2023
- Teacher Induction Credential: August 25, 2023

The EPP is an SCCOE program to guide educators to achieve credentials. There are opportunities to receive financial support which the EPP can support with.

To learn more or apply, visit: https://eppscholar.sccoe.org/other/applications.jsp

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EdTech Playground

All educators are encouraged to join the Teacher Innovation Network for a free, virtual training about tools that can enhance student comprehension. This training will provide an opportunity for educators to use tools and determine if they are right for their classroom. This training will be on August, 8 from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

To learn more or register, visit: https://tinyurl.com/tin2023
On August 10 and August 31, there will be a School Action for Safety and Health (SASH) training. This training is a statewide effort to reduce work-related injuries in schools and school districts in California.

To learn more or register, visit: https://lohp.berkeley.edu/school-action-for-safety-health-sash-registration/

Join AACI, the County of Santa Clara, and the City of San Jose for a free Health Fair. This in-person health fair, on August 5 at 10 a.m. will have opportunities for health screenings, workshops, youth activities, free giveaways, and more!

To learn more, visit: www.aaci.org/health-fair-2023
The Department of Health Care Services encourages families to protect their children's teeth by asking a dental professional to apply sealants to children's teeth. This is a preventative measure against tooth decay.

To learn more, visit: https://bit.ly/HealthySmileCA
As the weather warms up, and more activities are outdoors, it is important to focus on sun safety for the whole family. The CDC has recommendations for people who are planning on spending time in the sun this summer.

To view the recommendations, visit: [https://www.cdc.gov/cancer/skin/basic_info/sun-safety.htm](https://www.cdc.gov/cancer/skin/basic_info/sun-safety.htm)