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

Dear Santa Clara County Community,

Access to healthcare is an important right for individuals. Programs such as MediCal and Medicaid provide support for daily and emergency medical needs. Since the COVID-19 public health crisis, MediCal and Medicaid coverage was extended without interruption. Since the state of emergency has ended, coverage for individuals is being re-evaluated.

Two to three million MediCal recipients may potentially lose their coverage across the United States. In Santa Clara County, over 400,000 individuals will need to have their eligibility reviewed to determine if they are still eligible for coverage.

To continue coverage, individuals who are on MediCal or Medicaid must update their information as soon as possible.

The Department of Health Care Services has information to help individuals keep their coverage. In order to complete the necessary forms or to learn more visit: [www.KeepMediCalCoverage.org](http://www.KeepMediCalCoverage.org)

The health and safety of our community is of the utmost importance. Please share this information with loved ones and community members so that all MediCal and Medicaid eligible individuals may continue to have the insurance they need.

We are #StrongerTogether.

Be well,

Mary Ann Dewan, Ph.D.
County Superintendent of Schools
Visit the SCCOE Newsroom for the latest news and updates.

Community News and Resources

The Gates Scholarship

The Gates Scholarship is a scholarship for minority high school seniors from low-income households. This scholarship is for student leaders to help them maximize their potential. The deadline to apply is September 15.

To learn more or apply, visit: https://www.thegatesscholarship.org/
Inclusion Collaborative State Conference

The Inclusion Collaborative State Conference is a hybrid, 3-day professional development opportunity focused on creating or enhancing equity, diversity, and inclusive practices. It is focused on all individuals involved in the care and education of individuals up to age 24, with or without disabilities.

To learn more, visit: https://sccoed.to/2023ICSC

Family Engagement Symposium

Belonging Begins With Me

Deepen Your Commitment to Create Belonging for Yourself and Your School Community

September 8-9, 2023
Santa Clara County Office of Education
1290 Ridder Park Drive, San José, CA
The SCCOE will host a Family Engagement Symposium on September 8 and 9 at 1290 Ridder Park Drive, San Jose CA. This event touches on a wide variety of topics with the goal of creating belonging and a safe space for families, students, and educators at school. There are two sessions to this event.

- September 8 is geared toward educators and school professionals with a focus on how to increase belonging in classrooms.
  - To learn more visit: https://sccoe.to/PEPBelongingSept8
  - There is a cost associated with this session.
- September 9 is geared towards families and educators with a focus on family belonging and wellbeing.
  - To learn more, visit: https://sccoe.to/PEPBelongingSept9
  - This session is FREE.

School District News and Resources

**ArtsEdConnect Grant**

The ArtsEdConnect program awards grants are available for teachers in public and charter schools to take students on arts field trips, bring artists into the classrooms, fund student performances, and create various art projects that foster creativity, innovation exploration, self-expression, and social and emotional learning.

Educators from all levels and content areas are invited to create projects that support stand-alone arts experiences in the five arts disciplines (music, visual art, media art, dance, theater) or integrate science, technology, history, literature, or social sciences with the arts.

This year, the program offers three grant options:
- Arts Experiences Grant – up to $2,500 per teacher,
- Arts Materials and Supplies Grant – up to $500 per teacher, and
- Arts Experiences & Materials Grant – up to $3,000 per teacher.

Applications will be accepted between September 7 - October 10

For more information about the grants and eligibility, and to apply, please visit: www.sccoe.org/arts/artsedconnect
The SCCOE Makerspace

The SCCOE Makerspace is a hands-on learning environment where students and educators can develop critical thinking skills through designing and making with a mix of materials and technologies.

To learn about how to become a Maker, or more information, visit: [http://www.inclusioncollaborative.org/makerspace.aspx](http://www.inclusioncollaborative.org/makerspace.aspx)

Or you to fill out the interest form, visit: [https://forms.gle/CZ324WZtmHVGWWA27](https://forms.gle/CZ324WZtmHVGWWA27)

New and Emerging Math and Science Teachers Community of Practice

TK-12 educators and educators who are in their first 5 years of teaching math and science are encouraged to join the SCCOE for the New and Emerging Math and Science Teacher Community of Practice. During these in-person sessions at the SCCOE Ridder Park location, attendees will have access to resources for science educators, learn best practices, network with other science professionals, and help make a positive impact on student learning in science and math.

The next in-person session is on September 11 from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The California Collaborative for Learning (CCLA) will host a virtual statewide community of practice for literacy instruction on September 19. This opportunity allows K-12 educators to discuss and learn more about learning acceleration utilizing evidence-based practices. This is a free opportunity and breakout sessions will contain grade-alike groups.

To learn more or register, visit: www.sccoe.to/2023-2024CCLALiteracyCoP

September is Suicide Prevention Month. 988 is a resource for anyone who is in crisis or at risk for suicide.

To access these resources, call or text 988
Mental Health America has created a toolkit for families to learn more about technology and its effect on youth mental health and adult mental health.

To learn more or view, visit: https://www.mhanational.org/youth-tech
The California Public Health Department has a Digital Vaccine Record that parents and families can access to provide to schools.

To view this resource, visit: [https://myvaccinerecord.cdph.ca.gov/](https://myvaccinerecord.cdph.ca.gov/)

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Working collaboratively with school and community partners, the Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE) is a regional service agency committed to serving, inspiring, and promoting student and public school success. The SCCOE is a premier service organization driven by the core principles of equity, diversity, inclusion, and partnership. For more information about the Santa Clara County Office of Education, please visit [www.sccoe.org](http://www.sccoe.org) and follow us @SCCOE on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com), [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com), and [LinkedIn](https://www.linkedin.com).

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