



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

Dear Santa Clara County Community,

February is Black History Month, an opportunity to celebrate and recognize the incredible contributions of African Americans in the United States and beyond. This year's theme, *African Americans and the Arts*, highlights the influence and work the African American community has made and continues to make in the arts, specifically film, music, literature, performing arts, fashion, and more.



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County Superintendent
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The California Department of Education reported that in the 2022-23 school year, **4,159 students, or 1.8% of students in Santa Clara County**, identified as African American or Black.

There are various books, resources, and activities for families to celebrate and learn about Black History Month.

- Santa Clara County Library District created a Black History Month reading list - <https://scclid.org/blogs/post/black-history-month-2024/>
- PBS Kids for Parents - <https://www.pbs.org/parents/black-history-month>
- Central for Racial Justice in Education - <https://centerracialjustice.org/resources/black-history-month-resource-guide-for-educators-and-families/>
- National Geographic Kids - <https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/history/article/black-history-month>

Elevating and honoring voices in all communities supports youth and promotes inclusion and belonging.

In partnership,

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County Superintendent of Schools

SCCOE News



Visit the [SCCOE Newsroom](#) for the latest news and updates.

- [Lynbrook High School Wins Mock Trial](#)
- [SCCOE YouTube Channel](#)

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Visit the [SCCOE Job Opportunities Page](#) for the latest information about job postings.

To stay up to date on all job opportunities at the SCCOE, register to receive the Jobs Bulletin: <https://sccoe.to/SCCOEJobsBulletin>



Santa Clara County Community Champion Award

The Santa Clara County Office of Education would like to recognize students in our county who are working to make a difference in the community. Each high school may nominate one student to receive the Santa Clara County Community Champion Award. **Please submit your student's name and a brief summary of their accomplishments by March 8, 11:59 PM.** All students who meet the criteria will receive a certificate and (4) students in the county will be selected to receive their award in person on April 24, 2024.

To learn more or submit, visit: <https://sccoe.to/2024CommunityChampionAwardNomination>



JOIN US THIS SUMMER!

Black Girls Mean Business

Did you know February is Black History Month? In honor of this celebration, Black girls (including trans and nonbinary youth) ages 14 to 18 years old are invited to join Black Girls Mean Business.

This is a free summer workshop series that aims to support, empower, and educate Black girls to be successful businesswomen. There are three Zoom webinars including mentorship opportunities.

To learn more or apply, visit: <https://www.bgmb.info/>



Kindergarten Readiness

The Santa Clara County Library District has resources to assist families to be kindergarten-ready. Resources are broken into six categories to guide families on necessary skills and information for kindergarten.

To learn more, visit: <https://scclid.org/kinderreadiness/>

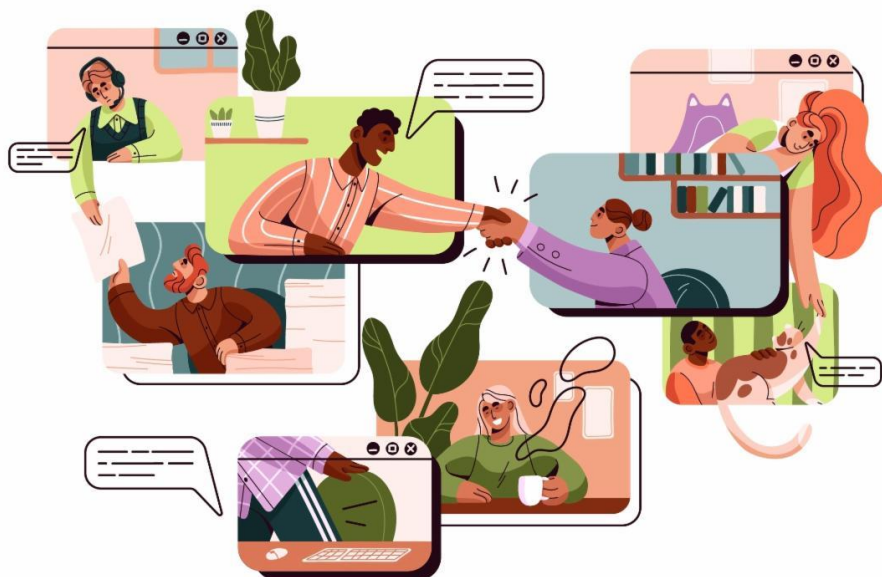
SCCOE Events and Resources



Statewide School-based Billing Professional Learning Network

The SCCOE invites school-based billing coordinators and other LEA staff involved or interested in school-based billing to join their virtual learning network. In this monthly session, attendees can gain insight about different programs and billing models, understand the steps to develop and implement a school-based billing program, and more.

Space is limited. The next session is February 27. Register here: www.sccoe.to/CaliforniaPLN



TOSAs and Instructional Coaches Meeting

Teachers on special assignment (TOSAs), mentors, and coaches are invited to join the SCCOE on February 26 at the SCCOE Ridder Park location. During this network meeting, TOSAs and instructional coaches will develop leadership skills, expand their coaching toolbox, learn more about how to support teachers, and network with other instructional leaders.

To learn more or register, visit: <https://na.eventscloud.com/ereg/index.php?eventid=754247&>



Foundations of Equitable Grading

The SCCOE is offering an online, self-paced course for Foundations of Equitable Grading. In this training, attendees will reflect on current grading practices and how they support students, explore equitable grading practices and how it impacts students, and more. This course has the opportunity to earn semester units. This training is available until June 30.

To learn more or register, visit: <https://na.eventscloud.com/760493>

**There is a cost associated with this training.*



Viral Video Contest

The County of Santa Clara Public Health Department's Sexual Health & Harm Reduction Program is happy to announce the launch of the [2024 Viral Video Contest](https://publichealth.sccgov.org/viral-video-contest) for Santa Clara County high school-age youth. Santa Clara County high school students are encouraged to address this staggering statistic by creating a short video (30-90 seconds) that addresses the stigma around STIs and testing, encourages safer sexual practices, and promotes healthy relationships. Winning students will be awarded up to \$1,500 for themselves and \$500 for their high school. The submission deadline is March 8.

To learn more, visit: <https://publichealth.sccgov.org/viral-video-contest>

An advertisement for mental health apps. On the left, there is a white box with the logos for 'BrightLife Kids' (A CalHOPE program by Brightline) and 'soluna' (A CalHOPE program by Hoop). Below the logos, the text reads 'Empowering California's Youth & Young Adults: Introducing BrightLife Kids & Soluna'. A bulleted list follows: '• Supportive Emotional Well-being at Your Fingertips' and '• Free Access to Behavioral Health Resources for All California Children, Youth, & Young Adults'. At the bottom of the white box are the logos for 'DHCS' and 'CYBHI'. To the right of the white box is a photograph of a woman and a young girl sitting on a couch, looking at a tablet together. The 'Cal HHS' logo is in the top right corner of the photo.

New, Free Mental Health Apps

The California Department of Health Care Services launched two free online behavioral health services platforms. These platforms are designed for young people regardless of insurance coverage or immigration status.

To learn more, visit: www.calhope.org



Free virtual suicide prevention training opportunity for the general community

Participants will learn how to utilize the TASC model through various interactive scenarios focused on how to:

- Identify indicators of suicidal thoughts
- Ask confidently and clearly about suicide
- State that suicide thoughts are serious
- Connect individuals to helpful resources

To request training access, visit bit.ly/sccLWSTART

**CA middle and high school staff and students have free access through the CDE: <https://www.lwyouthsummit.com/access-training>*



LivingWorks Start Suicide Prevention Training

The County of Santa Clara Suicide Prevention Program provides free online registration codes for the LivingWorks Start suicide prevention training. This training is open to the public.

To learn more or request access, visit: www.bit.ly/sccLWSTART

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 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 and follow us @SCCOE on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [LinkedIn](#).

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