



Message from the County Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Dewan

Greetings everyone,

As you all know, California is under a state of emergency due to raging, ravaging wildfires. Simultaneously, we have endured a heatwave, intolerable air quality, and evacuations due to these wildfires. I understand these challenges can take a toll on the body, mind, and emotional well-being and balance can be challenging to find, let alone prioritize in the midst of chaos. It is a priority and of equal importance to ensure that you are all well and obtaining the assistance you need, despite these challenges. As such, we have created a new Advisory [web page](#) now located on the SCCOE site, which includes easy to access resources and information in the event of power outages, wildfires, evacuations, as well as emergency preparedness and disaster protocol for Santa Clara County. Please access and share this critical information in the event of, and to prepare for an emergency.



Be well,

Dr. Mary Ann Dewan
County Superintendent of Schools

Resources for Schools and Districts

We apologize for the technical difficulties, and multiple versions of this mailing. *Please note that there is NO COVID-19 Testing at Ridder Park this week (August 25-29).* Thank you for your understanding and we wish you a wonderful weekend.



Empower Homebuyers – First Time Homebuyer Program

Thursday, September 10th, 3:00 - 4:00 p.m

Santa Clara County Office of Education is proud to host a free homeownership webinar about the Empower Homebuyers SCC program with the County of Santa Clara and Housing Trust Silicon Valley!

Learn about this down payment assistance program and how it can help you become a first-time homebuyer in Santa Clara County. Funded by the 2016 Measure A Affordable Housing Bond, the program provides down payment assistance loans up to 17% of the purchase price. The program is available for households who have low to moderate incomes. Information regarding this program can be found [here](#), and you must [register](#) in advance to attend.



Creating Relationship Centered Schools: Supporting Students to Thrive in Distance Learning – CA1 CEPIP Institute

Presented by: Geordee Mae Corpus & Najla Gomez Rodriguez

September 2nd, 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.
Registration is free, click [here](#) to register



Learning Outcomes:

- Learn and apply the framework of Relationship Centered Schools to your work
- Dive into the experience of students through different levels of data, particularly street level data by hearing directly from the student panelists.
- Acquire new tools to address implicit bias and center student voice in distant learning and the virtual classrooms to close opportunity gaps for the most impacted students

7th Annual Inclusion Collaborative (VIRTUAL) State Conference is Coming!!



The conference will take place September 23rd-24th. Registration is [here](#).

The Power of Blended Learning from the SCCOE

The SCCOE offers a variety of online courses for educators that support learning in the current environment through the use of technology and innovative best practices. We are pleased to release [***The Power of Blended Learning!***](#) This course highlights the considerations classroom teachers should address when preparing for a blended learning environment. When best practices are adhered to, blended learning provides students greater personalization in their learning. Whether addressing learning during a health crisis or natural disaster or looking for strategies that best serve student learning at any time, this course will guide you through the pedagogy and applications that engage your students in content and skills.

The course is free and self-paced, approximately eight hours in length, and includes resources you can use to extend your learning. It qualifies for one unit of graduate credit from University of Pacific at \$80.

If you are interested in experiencing [***The Power of Blended Learning***](#) in e-book format (not as a course), access it at bit.ly/blendedsccoe

SCCOE Learning Resource Portal

Everything for teachers in one place. Learn tips and tricks for setting up virtual classrooms, access lesson resources, and take advantage of free professional learning. The resources found on the portal have been created, curated, or reviewed by the Professional Learning & Instructional Support teams at the Santa Clara County Office of Education. Please check back often on the site as these resources are updated regularly. View the site [here](#).



SCCOE Stronger Together

The Stronger Together - Recovery and Reopening Guide represents preliminary guidance and considerations from the Santa Clara County Office of Education in partnership with Santa Clara County Public Health Department and is provided to inform local decision making processes. As more is learned, the guidance in this document will be updated with the latest recommendations. To find out more please visit the Stronger Together [web page](#).

California Collaborative for Educational Excellence-CCEE

Distance Learning Resources

Free online modules to support the transition to distance learning. Presented by experienced e-learning educators, the Distance Learning Strategies series introduces topics for administrative teams preparing to design and implement distance learning plans to meet local needs to support teachers and expedite student access to online instruction. Each module is 60 minutes and introduces a distance learning topic and effective strategies for implementation. Click [here](#) to access these great resources.



Continuity of Learning Playbooks

The two playbooks were created to assist LEA leaders planning for teaching and learning in this new COVID-19 context: the Distance Learning Playbook and the Hybrid Learning Playbook. Each suggests nine areas of focus to guide planning: setting goals, creating schedules, communicating with families, assessing student needs, supporting social-emotional learning, building capacity, supporting English language learners, supporting students with special needs, and leveraging ancillary programs. Both offer practical, easy-to-understand resources, tools, and tips for leadership teams to consider adopting. As equity should underline everything we do as educators, we offer equity considerations throughout. Click [here](#) for the playbooks.

#ComeBack California

ComeBack California is a campaign designed by CCEE to spotlight local educational agencies' (LEAs) collaborative approaches to getting California's students back to school. It focuses on sharing tools, resources, and practices to leverage partnerships and facilitate dialogue among LEAs to support each other during the pandemic. Find out more [here](#).



Resources for Addressing Racial Inequity

[Creating the Space to Talk About Race in Your School](#)

This four page article from the National Education Association Ed Justice gives 10 ways you can create the space to talk about racism in your school. Creating the space is the first step to making changes.



Black Lives Matter at School

The national Black Lives Matter At School coalition's created a Curriculum Resource guide related to the 13 principles of Black Lives Matter. The resource guide is free, and has downloadable lessons to challenge racism, oppression and build happy and healthy classrooms. Click [here](#) for the guide.

Talking to Young Children about Race and Racism

Resources, tips, and tools to foster meaningful conversations about race, racism, and being anti-racist from PBS. To learn more click [here](#).

21 Anti-Racism [videos](#) to share with children from We are Teachers.



Book List to Support Conversations About Race with Children

Embracerace.org has a list of 31 books to help support conversations about race with children. Click [here](#) to find out more information.
Young adult social justice book list click [here](#).

Public Health Updates



Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Guidance

Emerging evidence suggests a significant number of people may be infected with COVID-19 who are asymptomatic and capable of spreading the virus to others. People are now considered to be infectious 48 hours before the start of their symptoms until their isolation period ends. This makes social distancing and frequent hand washing even more critical.

- [CDC guidance: COVID-19 Symptoms](#)
- [CDC guidance: COVID-19 Protection](#)
- [CDC guidance: FAQ's](#)

Please [click on this link](#) for more valuable information and guidance about face coverings from the Santa Clara County Health Department.
An emergency care doctor explains when to wear a face mask, and how to do it the right way. Watch the video [here](#)

California Department of Health Updates

On June 5, 2020 the CDH released it's COVID-19 Industry Guidance for Schools and School-based programs. To find out more click [here](#).

Santa Clara County Health Department

The Santa Clara County Health Department's risk reduction order took effect on Monday, July 13. To find out more click [here](#).



- [School Guidance](#)
- Santa Clara County Health Department: [FAQs](#)
- Santa Clara County Health Department: [COVID 19-Dashboard](#)
- [Spanish](#)
- [Vietnamese](#)
- Guidance for all Businesses [here](#)
- Tips for keeping customers and employees safe [here](#).

Social Distancing Protocols

All Essential Businesses are required to prepare, post, and implement a [Social Distancing Protocols](#) at each of their facilities at which they are maintaining operations. Please read the complete order from the Santa Clara County Health Department. To help protect yourself if you are out in public, remain a minimum of six feet in distance from others, use face coverings properly, and wash your hands as frequently as possible.

Resources for Families



[Santa Clara County Office of Education Emergency Advisory Page](#)

AlertSCC

Information is power! Now, more than ever, accurate information is critical during an emergency. Do not wait-- sign up for [AlertSCC](#) at www.AlertSCC.org. The system will provide emergency alerts, including evacuation notices, and status updates on your cell phone, landline, or email. Circumstances can change quickly during disasters, as shown by the current wildfires – sign up today!



The Reading Place by the Santa Clara County Office of Education

The Reading Place, where SCCOE employees, partners, and friends promote reading aloud, and share their lifelong love of reading. Check out the many stories by clicking [here](#).

Great Plates Delivered

The “Great Plates Delivered” program connects older adults across California to meal delivery services. Santa Clara County seniors and other adults at high risk from COVID-19 can access the program at mysourcewise.com or by calling 408-350-3230 (option 1). For more information visit siliconvalleystrong.org

Who is eligible for GPD?

Participant Eligibility Requirements (coordinated by Sourcewise):

- Must be 65 or older or high-risk. High-risk includes those who are COVID-19 positive, COVID-19 exposed as documented by a public health official or medical professional or individuals with an underlying condition



- Must live alone or with one (1) program-eligible adult; must not be currently receiving assistance from other federal nutrition assistance programs
- Receive no more than \$74,940 in income for a household of one (1) and \$101,460 for a household of two (2), this equates to 600% of the federal poverty limit
- Must affirm an inability to prepare or obtain meals

San José Virtual Recreation Center Information

The Virtual Recreation Center from the City of San José's Department of Parks, Recreation, and Neighborhood Services (PRNS) provides free online educational and recreational resources for families during the shelter-in-place. This includes ways to socially connect through livestream leisure classes; videos to explore beloved PRNS destinations like

Happy Hollow Park & Zoo; creative outlets in cooking, drawing and making music; and activities to care for your physical and mental health through exercise, sports and guided meditation. Visit the City's Virtual Recreation Center for daily activities and over a hundred fun resources: bit.ly/sjvirtualrec.



California Parent and Youth Helpline

The California Parent and Youth Helpline provides support and resource referrals to parent and youth during the current COVID-19 pandemic, 7-days a week from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Call or text **1-855-4APARENT** (855-427-2736) for services

in English, Spanish and other languages. For more information, please visit: <https://caparentyouthhelpline.org/>

Uplift Family Services

The [Uplift Family Services' Mobile Crisis Team](#) provides 24-hour intervention to children and teens in the community who are in acute psychological crisis. To access the 24-hour/7 days a week crisis line call **1-408-379-9085** or call toll-free **1-877-41-CRISIS** (412-7474).

Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA)

The **Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA)** is part of the federal government's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. For information and FAQ's about FFCRA please use the links provided. [Information](#) and [FAQ's](#)

Meal Resources for the Community

Throughout Santa Clara County there are a variety of resources available to the community. Please visit SCCOE's [webpage](#) to see local districts' meal distribution, as well as the City of San Jose's Silicon Valley Strong [page](#) that has a map of meal availability across the county.



News from the Santa Clara County Office of Education

Please note, we currently do not have any announcements this week, check back next week. Thank you.

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.



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