



IMPACT Weekly

December 2, 2021

EQUITY | DIVERSITY | INCLUSION | PARTNERSHIP

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

Hello everyone,

Winter is the time for comfort, for good food and warmth, for the touch of a friendly hand, and for a talk beside the fire: it is the time for home (Edith Sitwell, "Taken Care Of").

The holiday season is officially upon us, and I am reminded daily of the extraordinary people I am privileged to meet with through the work of the County Office of Education.

It is important that we all feel a sense of belonging and feel welcomed and embraced. In supporting one another, let's allow ourselves to be cared for and reciprocate that caring so that our community embraces that we are home. The African term ubuntu, often used by Nelson Mandela, means "I am human because I belong. My humanity is caught up, is inextricably bound up in yours." With this, I encourage everyone to:

- **Share Our Story:** The journey towards community begins as we share our stories, be they stories of fears or joy.
- **Enjoy One Another:** As we continue to share our stories, we invest in deepening the impact of our community.
- **Take Care of One Another:** Taking care of one another is not only the right thing to do but also forges a sense of belonging. When we feel we belong, we feel safe and fulfilled; and when we feel safe and fulfilled, we can dare to develop hope and a common purpose.
- **Build a Better World Together:** We are drivers of a sustainable future. While we recharge our batteries and start the coming year with renewed energy. It is essential to take some time to



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evaluate how we acted and reacted to these incredibly challenging times and consider our impact moving forward.

We can also Build a Better World Together by working together to ensure all eligible persons get vaccinated against the Coronavirus. As always, I encourage you to consult trusted medical information.

In addition, as a reminder:

- The vaccine is free. No health insurance is required, and it is available regardless of immigration status.
- Children ages 5 to 11 will receive one-third of the adult dose of the Pfizer vaccine using smaller needles designed for children. To become fully vaccinated, the child will need a second shot of the Pfizer vaccine three weeks after their first shot.
- For more information, visit <http://www.sccfreevax.org>.

Be well,

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Community News and Resources



**Over 6,000
free ebooks
for kids!**

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myON® digital library and news articles can be accessed for FREE by all pre-K to grade 12 students in California for two months. Free downloads will be available afterwards.

As part of State Superintendent [Tony Thurmond](#)'s literacy initiative, the CDE has partnered with [Renaissance Learning](#) to ensure that every California student can access thousands of reading resources from December 1, 2021, through January 31, 2022. Schools will be providing an access code.

Visit the CDE for more information: <https://www.cde.ca.gov/nr/ne/yr21/yr21rel96.asp>

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Earn a Special Education Teaching
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Blanket and Winter Clothing Drive Now - December 17



Learn More: <https://sccoe.to/7h4>

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Blanket and Winter Clothing Drive

The SCCOE invites you to contribute to our Blanket and Winter Clothing drive now through December 17. By donating clean, new, or gently used winter clothing or blankets, you are supporting underprivileged families this winter season. Drop-off locations: <https://sccoe.to/7h4>



Curie Drive Trail Opening Dedication

Join the Curie Drive Trail ribbon cutting celebration hosted by Santa Clara County Parks and Friends of Santa Teresa on Saturday, December 11 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Learn about the new trail from community members and the history of the area and park. They will open a 20 year old time capsule and celebrate with refreshments. The event will take place at Santa Teresa Springs located in Santa Teresa County Park Historic Area, 372 Manila Drive, San Jose.



Doris Alejos, Associate Teacher, Head Start

The SCCOE is an organization comprised of diverse talents working together to serve, inspire and promote student and public school success. Meet Doris Alejos, an associate teacher with the Head Start program, to learn more about our culture and organization. Thank you, Doris, for inspiring students and your colleagues.

If you are interested in joining our team, please visit: <https://www.edjoin.org/sccoe/>
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Step Out of the Classroom and into School Administration



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District News and Resources

**Arts Grants
for
Santa Clara County Teachers**

Due by: December 17, 2021

PARTNERS

Arts Grants for Santa Clara County Teachers

The Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE) Artspiration department is now accepting grant applications! The SCCOE in partnership with SVCreates is pleased to

announce arts education grants through the generosity of the County of Santa Clara and the Warmenhoven Family Foundation. The ArtsEdConnect program awards grants to classrooms in Santa Clara County to support and encourage arts education in schools.

Apply now through December 17: <https://www.artsedconnect.org/educator-grants/>

Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program

Listening Sessions

The **Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP)** is a new initiative designed to prevent and end youth homelessness through a coordinated community approach centered in equity and youth voices, led by the Youth Action Board (YAB).

These listening sessions are an opportunity for youth or young adults (unaccompanied minors and young adults 18-24), with lived experiences of homelessness, to talk about what they know and think from their own lived experience, to inform solutions.

In Person & Online Sessions

Thursday 12/9 1pm Bill Wilson Center 693 S. Second St. San Jose	Thursday 12/9 3pm DFCS South County 7933 Whan Ave. Gilroy	Thursday 12/9 6pm Reentry Resource Center 151 W. Mission St. San Jose
Friday 12/10 5:30pm Sunnyvale Community Services 1160 Kern Ave. Sunnyvale	Saturday 12/11 1pm Blanca Alvarado CRC 408 N. Capitol Ave., East San Jose	Monday 12/13 1pm HomeFirst BRC 2011 Little Orchard, San Jose
Tuesday 12/14 1pm ONLINE Through ZOOM	Tuesday 12/14 6pm Covenant House, Santa Clara 2250 El Camino Real	Thursday 12/16 6pm ONLINE Through ZOOM

Sessions are expected to last 90 minutes.

\$30

All youth/young adult participants will receive a \$30 gift card as compensation for their time and expertise.

RSVP HERE:
tinyurl.com/yhdpls
For more information contact:
YHDP@hhs.sccgov.org

Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program

Youth and Young Adults with experience of being unhoused - YHDP needs your voice.

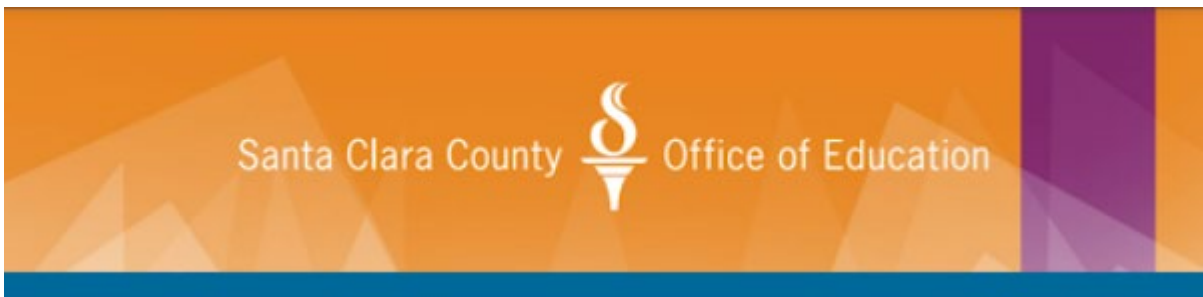
You're invited to sign up for a 90 minute listening session to share your knowledge and ideas about ending youth homelessness - you will receive a \$30 gift card as compensation for your time and expertise.

Listening Sessions are an opportunity for youth or young adults (unaccompanied minors and young adults 18-24), who are currently or formerly unhoused or have lived experience of housing instability, to talk about what they know and think from their own lived experience, to inform solutions.

When/Where:

Thursday, 12/9 @ 1pm – Bill Wilson Center, 693 S. Second St. San Jose
Thursday, 12/9 @ 3pm – DFCS South County, 7933 Wren Ave. Gilroy
Thursday, 12/9 @ 6pm – Reentry Resource Center, 151 W. Mission St. San Jose
Friday, 12/10 @ 5:30pm – Sunnyvale Community Services, 1160 Kern Ave. Sunnyvale
Saturday, 12/11 @ 1pm – Blanca Alvarado Community Resource Center, 408 E. Capitol Ave., East San Jose
Monday, 12/13 @ 1pm – HomeFirst BRC, 2011 Little Orchard, San Jose
Tuesday, 12/14 @ 1pm – ONLINE (Zoom)
Tuesday 12/14 @ 6pm – Covenant House, 2250 El Camino Real, Santa Clara
Thursday 12/16 @ 6pm – ONLINE (Zoom)

Sign up for a session at tinyurl.com/yhdpls.
COVID-19 prevention protocols will be followed, including required masking and available hand sanitizer.



Learning and Leading for Equity

A Collaborative Convening



Saturday, January 22, 2022

9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

A **FREE** Virtual Event

Sponsor Giveaways for Attendees

Register at <http://sccoe.to/learningforequity>

For Educators & Administrators

...a space for families, students, educators, and community to co-create ideas by leveraging the vast wealth of generational wisdom and experiences, and a diversity of voices and values to inspire and equip educators to do deeper equity work.

Professional Development



My Name, My Identity Student Design Challenge

Attention Students

The Santa Clara County Office of Education invites students to work in teams to complete a Student Design Challenge for creating a welcoming and safe classroom or community.

For more information, visit <https://bit.ly/studentDchallenge>.

Submissions due December 10, 2021.

We have even more Binders!

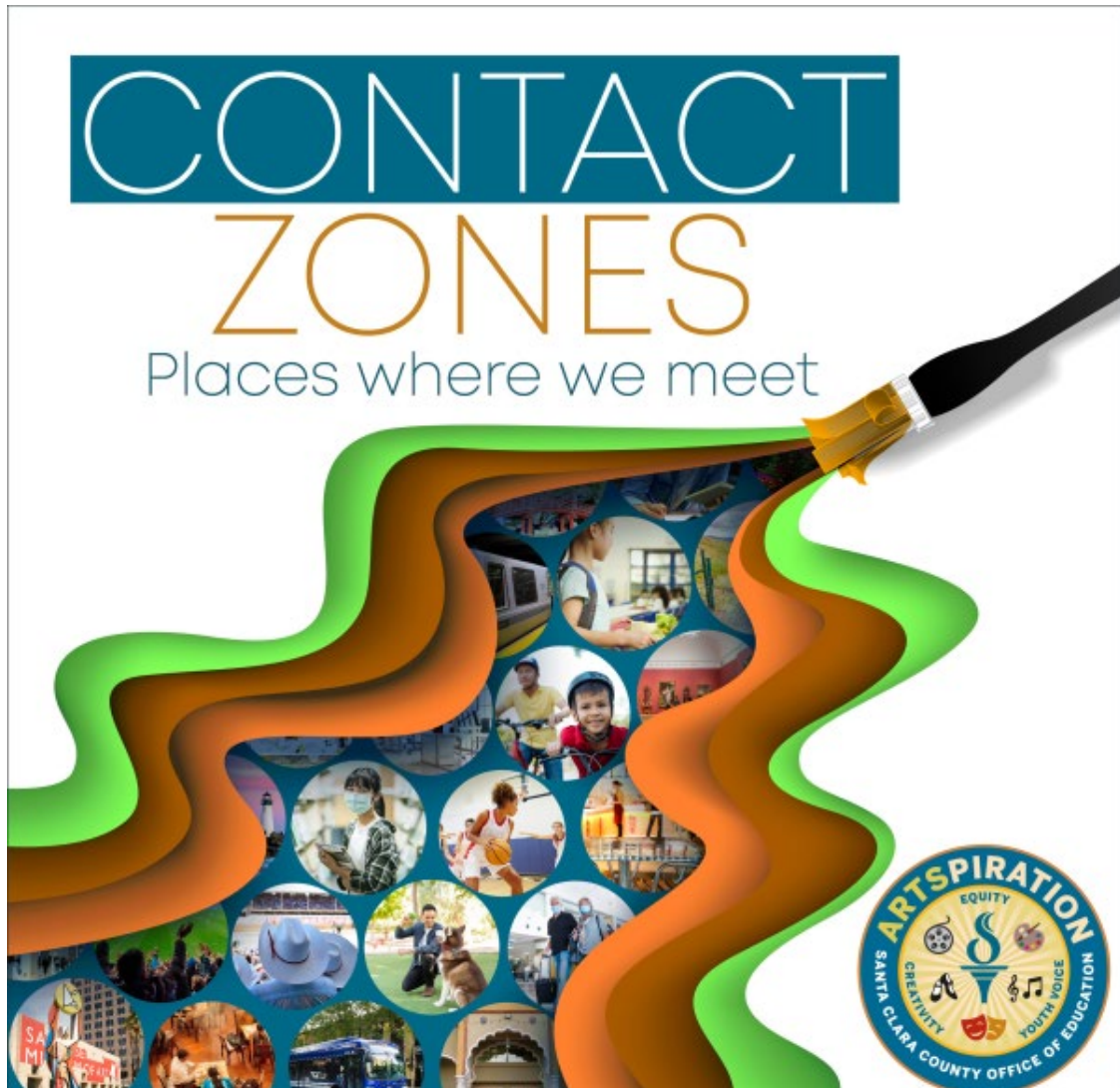
The Q Corner is able to provide new and lightly used gc2b binders to folks in Santa Clara County at no cost!

REQUEST A BINDER AT:
tinyurl.com/qcbinders

@theqcorner

Q Corner Binder Distribution

The Q Corner has received more new and gently used gc2b binders right in time for the holidays. These chest compression garments are available in half and full length, sizes XS thru 5X. The Team is thrilled to be able to get the binders out to folks in Santa Clara County who otherwise don't have access to one. If you are in our local area and are in need of a binder, click the link to request one: tinyurl.com/qcbinders



2022 Young Artist Showcase Competition

The Youth Space is excited to share that they are still calling for artists for their upcoming Artist Spotlight series! Every week they will be sharing a different artist's work as well as their uniquely navigated journeys as creatives in the LGBTQIA+ community.

The Youth Space invites artists between the ages of 13-25 who identify as a part of the LGBTQIA+ community to reach out for this opportunity to share their work in our platform.

To participate or if you have any questions contact Youth Space staff intern, León at: Lhernandez@fcservices.org

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES FOR EDUCATORS



Click the Picture for Available Grants

Health & Wellness

Vaccines are available
"rein" or shine!



**COVID-19
VACCINATION
CLINIC**



sccfreevax.org

Vaccines are available "rein" or shine!

Spread Joy, Not COVID

Tips for Protecting Yourself and Others This Holiday Season

Get Vaccinated, Including a Booster Shot if You're Eligible

Vaccines are the best way to end the pandemic and they prevent COVID-19 illness, hospitalization and death. They're safe, effective and free. [Learn more about COVID-19 vaccines](#) and visit sccFreeVax.org or MyTurn.ca.gov to get vaccinated.



Stay Home if You're Sick

Anyone feeling sick, even with mild [symptoms](#) (sore throat, cough, sniffles), should stay home, isolate from others, and get tested. Download our [testing fact sheet](#) and read our [testing guidance](#).

Get Tested Before and After Traveling or Gathering for the Holidays

Know Before You Go. Get tested 1-3 days before a family gathering, or prior to any travel, even if you have no symptoms. Antigen testing should be done 24 hours prior to a gathering or travel. PCR testing should be done within 72 hours – with results available prior to a gathering or travel. There are no out-of-pocket costs to get tested. Visit sccFreeTest.org or call (408) 970-2000. Learn more about [types of COVID tests](#).

Know When You Return. Test upon returning from the holidays. Test again 3-5 days later.

Also Consider the Following:

- Take precautions if some in your group are unvaccinated (e.g., wear masks, socialize outdoors, keep gatherings short).
- Be sure to wear a good mask, that fits well. N95 and KN95 or surgical masks do the best job filtering out viruses and particles.
- Gather outside or increase airflow in indoor spaces. [Read our ventilation fact sheet](#).
- [Activate CA Notify](#) (California's COVID-19 exposure notification system) on your smartphone. Ask your guests to do the same.

Read more from the California Department of Public Health



Help prevent the spread of COVID-19 by following current CDC travel guidelines



Prepping for a safe holiday

**FREE DROP-IN
COVID-19
TESTING WEEKLY**

**No Appointment
Needed**

COVID-19 testing for education sector employees and their family members.

Tuesdays and Fridays at Ridder Park
7:00 a.m. – 10:55 a.m.
or
12:00 p.m. – 2:55 p.m

Education sector employees can drop in, with your patient ID, for an observed self-administered nasal swab LHI/ OptumServe test at Ridder Park.

For more information, visit <https://sccoe.to/ffx>.

COVID-19 Testing at Ridder Park

Announcements

News Releases:

- [Santa Clara County Board of Education Approves Resolution in Support of National Special Education Day](#)
- [Santa Clara County Office of Education Statement on Importance of COVID-19 Health and Safety Mitigation Strategies](#)

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.

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