



We rang in the new year by focusing on health and wellness, peer-to-peer collaboration and we celebrated the accomplishments of our students.

SBCSS employees were able to receive free health screenings, explore resources and services at four regional Wellness and Safety fairs.

We also hosted the largest Community Engagement Initiative conference to date. During this two-day peer leading and learning network meeting, participants shared proven strategies that have led to academic achievement and socioemotional wellness.

Court was back in session with the Mock Trial competition being held in-person once again. For the second year in a row, Oak Hills High School was named the winner for the San Bernardino County Mock Trial competition.

Five school districts within San Bernardino County were honored for earning the California School Boards Association (CSBA) Golden Bell Awards.

SBCSS started the year strong and I am excited to see what the rest of the year may bring.

In partnership,

Ted Aleiandre County Superintendent











# The Newsroom

# **Ringing in a Healthy New Year**



SBCSS started off the new year prioritizing health and wellness with its annual "Wellness and Safety" fairs. Four events were held at SBCSS offices throughout the county during national staying healthy month.

SBCSS staff members were able to explore retirement planning and insurance services as well as line up for health screenings such as blood pressure and glucose checks. In addition to gaining wellness and safety

resources, one lucky winner at each event walked away with Beats Wireless Headphones for attending!

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# **Peer Leading and Learning Network Focuses on** Forwarding Students' Academic Success in California



Held at the Ontario Convention Center, SBCSS had the pleasure of hosting the largest community engagement initiative conference to date.

During the two-day peer leading and learning network meeting, education partners from districts across the state of California met to discuss and exchange successful strategies aimed at advancing academic achievement and encouraging a balance of socioemotional wellness.

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# The Verdict Is In: Oak Hills High School Claims SB **County Mock Trial Champion**

After being virtual the past two years, San Bernardino County Mock Trial crowned its



winner during an in-person ceremony held on Jan. 19. Oak Hills High School from the Hesperia Unified School District took home the title following the finals competition against Citrus Valley High School.

More than 400 students representing 26 teams from 24 high schools competed in this year's event.

This year's win marked Oak Hills High School's second year in a row taking home

the championship trophy and third making it to the semifinals. They will be moving forward to the state competition this March.

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## **Seaons of Computer Science**



Seasons of Computer Science (CS) is a research-backed professional learning model for California teams of K-12 teachers, school leaders, and school counselors to improve access to high-quality computer science education for students. The project aims to increase access, equity, and engagement in high-quality and culturally responsive CS instruction and curricula that is aligned to the California CS Content

Standards and the Quality Professional Learning Standards.

48 participants experienced design thinking activities using microbits to design solutions for the problems identified by the United Nations Global goals.

Upcoming Summer of Computer Science workshops will be held June 12-16, 2023.

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## **Congratulations to Five Golden Bell School Districts**



SBCSS and the San Bernardino California School Boards Association (SBCSBA) honored five school districts in San Bernardino County for earning the California School Boards Association (CSBA) Golden Bell Awards at a ceremony held at the Dorothy Inghram Learning Center on Jan. 30. The Golden Bell Awards recognizes outstanding school district programs and practices that help support, sustain and inspire students' education throughout the state of California.

This year, more than 200 entries were submitted to CSBA from counties in the state. SBCSS is elated and proud to have five districts receive recognition.

The 2022 Golden Bell Award winners from San Bernardino County are:

- Chino Valley Unified School District & Baldy View Regional Occupation Program (ROP): Career Technical Education (CTE) Engineering Academy Pathway;
- Rialto Unified School District: Rialto STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) CARES (Cultivating Active Responsible Environmental Stewards);
- Redlands Unified School District: Education through Imagination Redlands USD Partners with Garner Holt Education for STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics) and Innovation;
- Victor Valley Union High School District: Family Engagement Program;
- Chaffey Joint Union High School District: Brave Academy.

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# **Announcements**



#### Apply For Student Aid

The window to apply for the 2023-24 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the California Dream Act Application (CADAA) officially opened on Oct. 1, 2022.

Completing the FAFSA or CADAA provides students and their families access to various financial aid options.

Applications must be submitted by March 2, 2023. For more resources on eligibility, deadlines and items to fill out these forms, please visit the link provided:



#### Apply For Employment

San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools acts as an intermediate service agency between the California Department of Education and the 33 school districts in San Bernardino County to help meet the educational needs of all children countywide. We are committed to working with our school districts, other agencies, families and the community at large by providing services, information and leadership, always with a focus on students.

# Resources



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Use the Cradle to Career Roadmap to identify key milestones in a child's academic and social readiness, while

Facts contain answers to frequently asked questions, information and data about our county and district programs for easy reference.

encouraging partnerships with all sectors of the community to support the goal of meeting the educational needs of all students from cradle to career.

## **SBCSS** in the News

Please click on the links below the photos to watch the news stories featuring the positive programs and work we are doing at San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools



<u>Click to watch</u> abc7 news Salutes News Segment about the SBCSS Operation Recognition Veterans Diploma Project that took place on December 8, 2022.



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