



# INSPIRATION

*from County Superintendent, Ted Alejandre*



We may have welcomed students and teachers back to the classroom just last month but we wasted no time getting straight to work in September.

We traveled throughout the county to encourage our youngest learners to reach for the stars by reaching for a book, explore education through *Learn with Me*, and “phish” out some possible career opportunities.

It’s our mission to “Transform lives through education,” not only for our students but our teachers, too. We had the opportunity to highlight incredible educators from throughout our County. It is an honor to recognize our educators any chance we get as their work truly allows us to live out our mission.

In partnership,

Ted Alejandre  
County Superintendent





## **Today a Reader, Tomorrow a Leader**



It's never too early to get kids reading! SBCSS was excited to host the Vision2Read Early Literacy Summit this month. During the event, county, education and community partners came together to rally around and support our youngest readers.

Students from Rialto Unified School District joined us for an afternoon of reading and amazing performances.

The summit also showcased projects that support our youngest scholars as we collectively strive to ensure all students are reading proficiently by third grade.

## **Celebrating Outstanding Teachers**



SBCSS had the honor of recognizing and awarding four incredible educators at the Countywide Teachers of the Year ceremony.

The honorees represented three districts from throughout the County: Ontario-Montclair School District, Chaffey Joint Union High School District and Yucaipa-Calimesa Joint Unified School District.

Each teacher has dedicated decades to their students, schools and communities with their impact stretching beyond the classroom.

Their passion and commitment are perfect examples of what excellence in education in San Bernardino County looks like.

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## **"Phishing" for a Career in Cybersecurity**





Dozens of tech savvy students from Barstow Unified School District and Apple Valley Unified School District participated in this year's Cyber Scholars event.

Students from the High Desert headed to Victor Valley College Training Center to get hands-on experience with cybersecurity with multiple themed activities including an escape room and a "hacking" exercise. The workshops allowed students to use their analytical, communication, creativity and team-work skills.

Students also had the opportunity to hear from industry leaders like Cyber.org and Cal State University, San Bernardino's Cyber Team on where the industry is headed including why our region needs more highly skilled experts in the field.

[View Cyber Scholars Photo Gallery](#)

## **Welcoming Students and Families Back-to-School**



SBCSS Student Services welcomed alternative education students and families to the 2023-24 school year during its Back-to-School Jam.

The event allowed school leaders, students, parents and other family members to connect with one another as the new school year gets underway.

Attendees were also greeted by local vendors such as Community Action Partnership, Community Health Action Network, CalFresh and No Kids Hungry, who offered information on resources available to the community like free meal delivery and accessible dental care.

In addition to the incredible resources available, families were able to snack on free tacos and snow cones and participate in a raffle giveaway with prizes like school supplies, gift cards and small kitchen appliances. Families who pre-registered for the event also received a free \$50 gas card!

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## **Collaborating for our Communities**





SBCSS was proud to be a part of the inaugural partnership convening for the California Community Schools Partnership Program (CCSPP) Southern Inland Regional Technical Assistance Center.

CCSPP is designed to transform schools and communities in four priority areas:

1. Collaborative leadership and practice
2. Integrated student supports
3. Active family and community engagement
4. Expanded Learning opportunities

SBCSS is honored to have been selected as the Regional Technical Assistance Lead. We embrace the opportunity to collaborate with our CCSPP Southern Inland Region partners on the planning, implementation and innovation of the program across our region. These partnerships will allow us to positively impact the success and well-being of our students, families and communities.

## **National Blue Ribbon Schools of Excellence Announced**

## TWO SCHOOLS IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY NAMED



### 2023 NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOLS OF EXCELLENCE



The U.S. Department of Education recognized 353 schools as National Blue Ribbon Schools for 2023. Each year schools are selected based on their overall academic performance or progress in closing achievement gaps among student groups.

The National Blue Ribbon School award affirms the hard work of students, educators, families and communities in striving for and achieving exemplary success.

We are extremely proud of the two schools recognized in San Bernardino County. They are:

- Sixth Street Prep STREAM, Victor Elementary School District
- Terra Vista Elementary School, Etiwanda Elementary School District



Please click on the links below to watch County Superintendent Ted Alejandre discuss the work SBCSS is doing throughout the county.



[Click to watch](#) what aired on KVCR's *Inland Edition*, featuring County Superintendent Ted Alejandre.



[Click to watch](#) what aired on KVCR's *Lifestyles with Lillian Vasquez* about the *Learn with Me* project.







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SBCSS is excited to announce the launch of its free, innovative, bilingual educational children's show *Learn with Me*.

Make sure to catch the first episode which airs on October 6 at 6:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. on KVCR. You can also access the accompanied digital activities by visiting [learnwithmetv.org](http://learnwithmetv.org).



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Our 2023-2024 Fingertip Facts is now available for download!

The latest version includes up-to-date information and data about our county and school district programs. Please note that the digital file will be updated periodically throughout the year as personnel, data and other information changes.



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San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools produces various podcasts which feature interviews with students, families and educators from across the county and country.

Please listen to the latest podcast episode from [Family and Community Engagement - FACE in Action](#).

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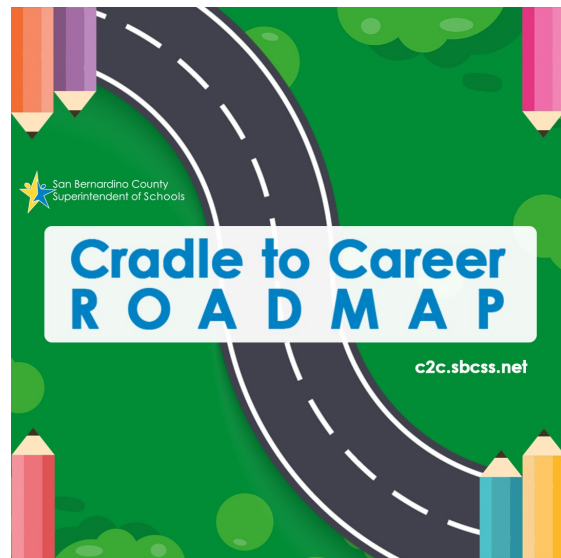
Applications are now being accepted for the 15th Annual Operation Recognition Veterans Diploma Project. The initiative awards high school diplomas to eligible individuals whose high school education was interrupted due to military service or internment in a Japanese American relocation camp.

To be considered for this year's recognition, applications must be submitted by Monday,




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We are seeking talented individuals to join our SBCSS family. A wide variety of opportunities are available including teachers, paraeducators and substitute positions. A listing of all current job postings can be found by visiting [Edjoin.org](https://www.edjoin.org).


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The Cradle to Career Roadmap helps to identify key milestones in a child's academic and social readiness. SBCSS encourages partnerships with all sectors of the community to support the goal of meeting the educational needs of all students from cradle to career.


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Keep up with the latest stories from our Newsroom. Monthly articles feature staff, students and outstanding work being done throughout our county.


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See the latest photos in our official SBCSS gallery. Each month we add images from noteworthy events that highlight staff, students and programs across San Bernardino County.

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County Superintendent Ted Alejandre issues this monthly publication to keep education partners informed about the many services and programs SBCSS provides to our learning community throughout the year.  
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