

The holiday season has officially arrived! We spent much of the month of November celebrating and thanking our students, staff and community members for all they do to help make San Bernardino County the best place to live, work and play.

This month also provided us the perfect opportunity to show our gratitude and give back to our students, our community families and a special group of veterans. It was truly the best way to kick off the holiday celebrations.

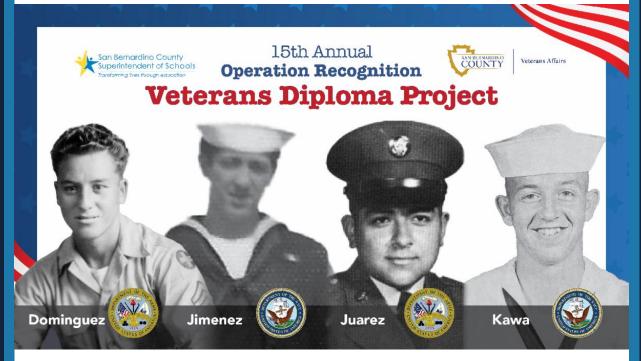
I am grateful for each of you and value your commitment to transforming lives through education.

In partnership,

Ted Alejandre County Superintendent



## **Honoring SB County Veterans with their HS Diploma**



SBCSS had the distinct honor of recognizing and awarding four deserving veterans with their high school diplomas during the 15th Annual Operation Recognition Veterans Diploma Project (VDP).

This impactful project has been made possible in partnership with the San Bernardino County Department of Veterans Affairs.

VDP provides an opportunity for veterans whose high school education was interrupted due to military service and individuals who were interned at relocation camps to receive their high school diplomas.

Since the program's inception in 2009, nearly 300 diplomas have been presented to eligible veterans.

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**Over 2,000 Students Awarded with Seal of Biliteracy** 



A total of 2,467 students from throughout San Bernardino County have met the rigorous criteria set by the state by demonstrating proficiency in speaking, reading and writing in one or more languages, in addition to English.

SBCSS held three annual countywide ceremonies to honor students who are candidates for the California State Seal of Biliteracy. Over 950 students were in attendance during one of the three regional in-person ceremonies.

This year's ceremonies were held at three locations: Oak Hills High School in the High Desert, Chaffey High School in the West End and the California Theater of the Performing Arts in the East Valley.

Of the 23 eligible districts in San Bernardino County, 17 participated in the 2023 California State Seal of Biliteracy program.

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**Connecting through Kindness** 



East Valley (EV) SELPA was proud to welcome more than 200 parents and guardians to its Parent Resource Fair. The mission of the resource fair was "EmpowerAbility: Connecting Parents & Community Resources through Kindness." EV SELPA believes that kindness is an ability and resource we all have regardless of one's level of "ability."

Attendees were greeted by the incredible East Valley SELPA staff and 60 vendors including SB County Department of Behavioral Health, San Bernardino County Preschool Services, IEHP, United Cerebral Palsy of the Inland Empire, Autism Inland Empire Society and the California Autism Professional Training and Information Network (CAPTAIN).

During the resource fair, families were able to learn more about the resources available to them and their families through one-on-one conversations with vendors, films, presentations by EV SELPA staff and a special visit from *Learn with Me* star, Eddie!

### **Dessert in the Desert**



SBCSS celebrated the Thanksgiving holiday early with the annual Dessert in the Desert event. Staff from Desert/Mountain Educational Service Center were invited to indulge themselves in a delightful treat, or two.

In addition to coming together to celebrate all the incredible work our employees continue to produce, it also provided us the opportunity to highlight and honor employees who have dedicated 20, 25 or 30 service years with SBCSS.

At this year's event, SBCSS was able to recognize five outstanding employees.

The nearly four dozen employees who are also celebrating their years of service this year will each receive a pin and certificate commemorating their milestone.

Congratulations to all our honorees!

Visit Dessert in the Desert Photo Gallery



Please click on the link below the photo to watch the news story featuring the positive programs and work we are doing at San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools.





# INTHE COMMUNITY





<u>Click to watch</u> what aired on ABC7 news about the 15th Annual Operation Recognition Veterans Diploma Project.







Register Here

Join SBCSS as we come together to celebrate the most wonderful time of the year during the Annual Holiday Open House.

We'll have a holly jolly time as we delight in holiday themed refreshments, celebrate the winner(s) of our Holiday Artwork Contest and enjoy outstanding performances from students from across the county.

Listen Here

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

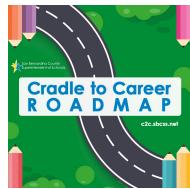
Please listen to the latest podcast episode from the Learning Leader Lab.

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#### Learn More

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.

The digital file will be updated periodically throughout the year as personnel, data and other information changes.

#### **Apply Now**

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 <u>Edjoin.org</u>.

#### Learn More

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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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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