



INSPIRATION

from County Superintendent, Ted Alejandre



2023 has come to an end, and we could not be prouder of all we accomplished together this year.

From our student competitions and staff recognitions to expanded literacy partnerships and innovative college and career collaborations, we have made incredible strides to support our students, staff and community at large.

All the growth we have made would not have been possible without the support of our committed community partners, enthusiastic educators, dedicated administrators and determined students.

As we bid farewell to 2023, please take time for rest and reflection. I am eager to welcome you all back in the New Year, and I am inspired to see what more we can achieve in 2024.

In partnership,

Ted Alejandre
County Superintendent



THE NEWSROOM



Connecting Families through Love for Literacy



SBCSS and the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department (SBCSD) Community Service & Reentry Division have partnered together to create the uplifting program, Love for Literacy.

The program was developed to provide families impacted by incarceration the opportunity to interact and connect with their children through one-on-one literacy activities.

This month, participants were delighted by a surprise visitor, Santa Claus! Santa brought literacy gifts and toys for the children, who were excited to unwrap their presents with their loved ones. It was a special moment that families enjoyed together despite the unfortunate circumstances.

The Love for Literacy program has helped foster healthy family relationships in unconventional settings but has improved literacy skills of both children and adult participants.

[Visit Love for Literacy Photo Gallery](#)

SALSA Heats Up Annual Winter Luncheon



The San Bernardino County Association of Leaders in School Administration (SALSA) hosted its Annual Winter Luncheon on Dec. 6 at Thinkwise Credit Union.

During the event, attendees were updated on student scholarships and legislation while enjoying an amazing Mexican-themed lunch served by SBCSS executive cabinet members.

Through generous donations and tips from staff and community partners, SALSA raised more than \$1,000 that will go towards student scholarships.

[View SALSA Annual Winter Luncheon Photo Gallery](#)

Student Art Honored during Annual Holiday Open House



Staff, community members and San Bernardino County leaders all came together for the

During the event, County Superintendent Alejandre congratulated the Annual Holiday Artwork Contest honorees. Prior to the event, SBCSS called for original artwork to be submitted by staff members with school-aged children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, close family friends, and students from our Student Services programs.

This year, SBCSS received 51 entries. We would like to congratulate the three artists who were selected: Navanni Garcia, Nhy'el Cook and Nora Carter. Their incredible artwork is displayed on this year's SBCSS holiday cards.



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The window to apply for the 2024-25 Better FAFSA/Better CA Dream Act Application will open by Dec. 31, 2023. Completing the Better FAFSA/Better CA Dream Act provides students and their families access to various financial aid options.

Applications must be submitted by April 2, 2024.

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PODCAST

Podcast of
the Month

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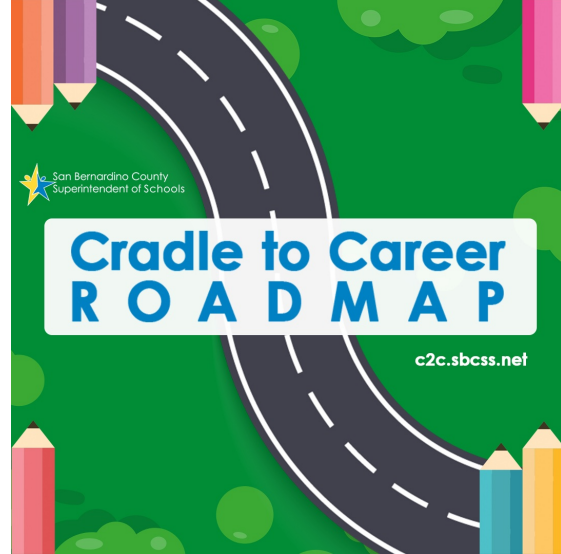


Visit the Website

SBCSS is excited to have launched a free, innovative, bilingual educational children's show, *Learn with Me*.

Eddie, Barbara and Barry the Bell, along with amazing teachers from throughout San Bernardino County, share wonderful books and lessons with students.

Watch episodes airing each Friday at 6:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. on KVCR. You can also access the accompanied activities by visiting learnwithmetv.org.



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.

The Cradle to Career Roadmap supports the journey to lifelong learning where every student has the "mindset and disposition" for college and career readiness.



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.



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.

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

A listing of all current job postings can be found by visiting [Edjoin.org](https://edjoin.org).



[Visit the Newsroom](#)

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



[Visit the Photo Gallery](#)

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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