



INSPIRATION

From the desk of Ted Alejandro



County Superintendent's Monthly Message

[San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools Inspiration Video Vol. 8 Issue 10](#)

During October, it was inspiring to see students engaged in innovative opportunities and utilizing technology to positively impact their communities.

In recognition of National Cybersecurity Awareness Month, San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools (SBCSS) launched a free-to-play app called Cyber Watchdog. This launch encouraged students from approximately 60 school sites across the county to learn more about cybersecurity and careers in this field.

Also this month, students showcased their own STEM innovations at STEPCon22, and the North America Scholastic Esports Federation recognized SBCSS Esports programs as models of success.

Learn more by viewing the Inspiration video for October and reading the featured articles below.

In partnership,

Ted Alejandro
County Superintendent



The Newsroom

Cyber Watchdog has Officially Launched



SBCSS is thrilled to announce the launch of a free-to-play mobile video game called Cyber Watchdog. Cyber Watchdog was developed in collaboration with video game developer Skillsgapp. There has been a rash of cybersecurity breaches worldwide that have negatively impacted individuals and organizations great and small; including school districts. In the realm of Cybersecurity, the need for awareness, training and workforce development are great. This launch coincided with National

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STEPCon22 Exhibits STEM Career Fields to Students



On Oct. 6, students across San Bernardino County gathered at the Bourns Technology Center to participate in the annual Science and Technology Education Partnership conference (STEPCon22). STEPCon22 focused on exploration of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) with various exhibits that sparked students' interest. Students had the opportunity to engage with college educators and industry professionals.

[Read More Here](#)

Nationally Recognized Esports Program



We are proud to facilitate the SBCSS eSports League for San Bernardino County and collaborate with the North America Scholastic Esports Federation (NASEF). Esports is an excellent way to build student digital citizenship and a sense of belonging to a school community. Rialto Unified School District is being recognized by NASEF and Georgia Tech for People and Technology for fueling student engagement.

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SBCSS Staff Gather at Harvest Luncheon



SBCSS staff were thrilled to gather in person after a two-year hiatus for the Employee Connection Harvest Luncheon held on Oct. 5. This event brought staff from all administrative and school sites together to celebrate employees for their years of service. Recognitions were awarded at the luncheon to staff who have served for 20 and more years. Congratulations to all of the honorees!

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Announcements

ALL IN for FAFSA & CADAA



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. 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 below:

[Apply For Student Aid](#)

SBCSS Thanksgiving Food Drive



The SBCSS annual Thanksgiving Food Drive is now underway and accepting donations. Employee Connection is leading the charge in assisting families of students in need across San Bernadino County. The goal is to provide 300 Thanksgiving dinner baskets that cost approximately \$40.00 each. Monetary donations of any size are requested to help meet this goal.

The deadline for donations is November 4, 2022. For more information about making a donation, please contact Kimberlee Bailey at Kimberlee.bailey@sbcss.net

Register for 2023 CISC Leadership Symposium



Registration is now open for the annual Curriculum and Instructional Steering Committee (CISC) Leadership Symposium which will be held in Monterey, California from Feb. 22-24.

The annual CISC Leadership Symposium will bring together over 1,000 educational leaders throughout California for three days full of learning about the latest shifts in education and models of innovative action.

[Register Now](#)

Join our SBCSS Family

A banner for SBCSS hiring. The top half has a blue background with the text "Now Hiring!" in large, yellow, cursive font. Below this, on the left, is the SBCSS logo (a yellow star with a blue outline) and the text "San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools" in white. To the right of the logo is a photo of two young children, a girl and a boy, both smiling and wearing headphones. Below the photo, the text "TRANSFORM LIVES NOW!" is written in white. At the bottom, a dark blue bar contains the text "EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY | Visit Edjoin.org to view complete job descriptions and apply." in white.

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SBCSS 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.

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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.



[Click to watch](#) what aired on NBC4 news at 5:00 p.m. about the launch of the Cyber Watchdog app at Colony High School in Ontario.



[Click to watch](#) what aired on Today in LA at 4:30 a.m. about the launch of the Cyber Watchdog app at Colony High School in Ontario.



[Click to watch](#) what aired on NBC4 news at 4:00 p.m. about the launch of the Cyber Watchdog app at Colony High School in Ontario.



[Click to watch](#) what aired on NBC4 News at 7:00 p.m. about the launch of the Cyber Watchdog app at Colony High School in Ontario.



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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.



[Visit the SBCSS 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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Superintendent Alejandro issues this monthly publication to keep stakeholders informed about the many services and programs SBCSS provides to our learning community throughout the year.

[View the 2020 archive.](#)