



INSPIRATION

From the desk of Ted Alejandre



County Superintendent's Monthly Message



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We here at San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools are working diligently to prepare for the 2022-23 school year.

Some of our teachers, paraeducators and staff are providing extended school year services for special education students and have piloted training programs to jumpstart our recent high school graduates into their future careers.

Our dedicated employees are planning various student events for the upcoming school year and creating resources and ways to improve the lives of students and our educational community.

Please [watch](#) this month's Inspiration video newsletter to learn more about our collaborations and to explore how we are transforming lives through education.

Sincerely,



The Newsroom

Southern Region Student Wellness Conference



For the first time in two years, the annual 2022 Southern Region Student Wellness Conference (SRSWC) took place in person July 11-13 with the largest number of attendees in its history.

San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools collaborates each year with the San Bernardino County Department of Behavioral Health and other cross-sector mental health providers to sponsor this event.



The three-day conference drew the largest convening with more than 700 attendees. The theme for this year's event was, "The Strength in our Stars."

The conference examines many aspects of coordinated school health through breakout sessions and presentations. Keynote speakers included José M. Hernández, former NASA Astronaut; Dr. Amy Young, a forensic pediatrician and lifelong advocate for children; and Oliver

North, Chief Visionary Officer for Only Thoughts of Ownership LLC.

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SBCSS Pilots Community Health Worker

Jumpstart Program



Congratulations to the 23 recent high school graduates who successfully completed the Community Health Worker Jumpstart Summer Program!

The Community Health Worker Jumpstart Program is one of three jumpstart programs that San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools (SBCSS) Alliance for Education and San Bernardino County Regional Occupational Program have piloted this summer with recent high school graduates.

The program provided students with industry-specific skills, certifications and real world work experience, connecting these talented students with access to regional employers who are looking to build their future workforce.

El Sol Neighborhood Educational Center provided training to our students, and we are thankful for our partnerships with our healthcare partners and industry experts for their support.

Meet the 2022 SBCSS Teacher of the Year



Congratulations to Janet Lopez, the 2022 San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools Teacher of the Year!

Lopez represents the West End Region as a preschool special education teacher at Live Oak State Preschool and has served in this role for the past 25 years.

According to Principal Cami Young, “she has a warm, welcoming presence, that allows her to make meaningful connections with every student and family. She is committed to providing an exciting school experience to help students have fun as they are gaining competence and independence.”

Recipients of the SBCSS Teacher of the Year award were nominated by their peers and administrators and were selected by a panel comprised of staff from all three regions and the San Bernardino County Teachers Association.

[Learn more.](#)

STEAM Exploration Expanded Learning Animatronics Camp

The STEAM Exploration Expanded Learning Animatronics Camp took place over a course of two weeks in June at Garner Holt Education Through Imagination in Redlands.

The Opening Day ceremony held on June 13 launched students into engaging and interactive projects and experiences.

We are grateful for our partnership with the school districts throughout San Bernardino County and Garner Holt Foundation to provide students with future-focused opportunities to explore their dream careers in science, technology, engineering, arts and math (STEAM).



Students spent several days in various rotations to build an animatronic bird. They learned how to assemble various portions of the bird, how to wire and configure servo motors, and they painted and sculpted the feathers. The last rotation taught students how to record and program their animatronics show.

Celebrating Educators Across San Bernardino County



Watch the Desert Mountain and West End/East Valley videos above highlighting our extraordinary educators at San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools.

San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools (SBCSS) held two events to recognize educators throughout San Bernardino County.

In partnership with the San Bernardino County Teachers Association and the California School Employees Association, SBCSS held the first Educators of the Year celebration on May 24 in Apple Valley to celebrate educators in the desert and mountain communities of San Bernardino County.

The second event took place May 31 in Rancho Cucamonga to recognize educators in the area.

1100 San Bernardino County teachers and paraprofessionals, including nurses, braille specialists and speech language pathologists, were recognized during the two celebrations. Educators were honored for the roles they played in innovating new ways to deliver instruction and overcoming challenges COVID created.

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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.

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