



# INSPIRATION

*from County Superintendent, Ted Alejandre*



During the month of December, we had the opportunity to host festivities for students, veterans and community members across the county.

Holiday cheer was shared with students experiencing homelessness through generous donations from our staff and community partners. Four veterans who paused their education in order to serve during times of war were honored with their high school diplomas. I also renewed my commitment to serve as San Bernardino County Superintendent during an Oath of Office ceremony this month.

As we close 2022 and enter the 2023 year, I am inspired to see what the new year will bring for our students, families and staff.

In partnership,

Ted Alejandre  
County Superintendent



## 100 Students Receive their Holiday Wishes



On Dec. 16, the SBCSS Homeless Education Program hosted its annual Holiday Celebration where SBCSS employees sponsored 100 students experiencing homelessness by providing gifts listed on their holiday wish lists. These students received gifts such as dolls, toys, bicycles and clothes, as well as other generous donations from community partners.

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## Four Veterans Awarded High School Diplomas



In partnership with the San Bernardino County Department of Veterans Affairs, SBCSS awarded high school diplomas to four San Bernardino County veterans as part of this year's 14th Annual Operation Recognition Veterans Diploma Project (VDP) held Dec. 8.

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.

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## Ted Alejandre Sworn in for Third Term as County Superintendent



On Dec. 21, we were thrilled to celebrate County Superintendent Ted Alejandre as he took his Oath of Office to begin his third term as the 34th San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools. In this role, Supt. Alejandre is eager to continue to collaborate with our outstanding staff, dedicated education partners and the 33 school districts to support the nearly 400,000 students in this county.

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## SALSA Hosted Its Annual Winter Luncheon



On Dec. 6, the San Bernardino County Association of Leaders in School Administration (SALSA) hosted their annual Winter Luncheon to raise funds for student scholarships. It was a wonderful time for staff to come together and enjoy a meal served by executive cabinet members.

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## Congratulations to our Holiday Card Art Winners



SBCSS hosted its annual Holiday Artwork contest. SBCSS staff asked the children and youth in their lives to submit holiday artwork. We would like to congratulate the three artists that we selected: Ashley Gregory, Daniela Vera, Angel Mosqueda.

Their artwork was used for our annual holiday cards. All of this year's submissions were displayed at our administrative sites

and during the annual Holiday Open House held on Dec. 5.

## Announcements



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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.



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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



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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



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Superintendent Alejandre 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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