

INSPIRATION

From the desk of Ted Alejandre



County Superintendent's Monthly Message



This school year is in full swing as nearly 400,000 students across San Bernardino County have returned to their classrooms. They are establishing new friendships and creating new memories.

In recognition of National Literacy Month, San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools (SBCSS) launched a literacy campaign series called Countywide Spotlight on Literacy. There were several events held throughout the month of September.

This month, there has been great collaboration surrounding the importance of elevating literacy in all age groups. We continue to provide resources to students and families while recognizing the amazing work of our dedicated educators across the county.

We are committed to ensuring that our students receive a well-rounded education, full of new instructional methods and learning goals.

Please watch this month's Inspiration video newsletter to learn how we are transforming lives through education.

Sincerely,

Ted Alejandre
County Superintendent



The Newsroom

Back to School Shop with a Cop: Teachers' Edition



The San Bernardino County Sheriff's Employees' Benefit Association (SEBA) is awarding a total of \$40,000 to distribute to teachers throughout San Bernardino County as part of their annual Back to School Shop with a Cop: Teacher's Edition. A total of 160 teachers will be recognized and each teacher will receive a \$250 gift card.

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SBCSS Hosts the Vision2Read Early Literacy Summit

On Sep. 9, SBCSS hosted the Vision2Read Early Literacy Summit, which united early literacy partners and educational leaders. The summit showcased projects that support our youngest students as we strive collectively to ensure all students are reading proficiently by the third grade.



Community Resource Centers Opens at SBCSS Campuses



SBCSS recognizes the importance of supporting the Whole Child, Whole Family and Whole Community. We have launched a Community Resource Center at five of our alternative education sites. Students and families will have access to resources which include laundry services, healthcare screenings, tutoring services, housing assistance and nonperishable groceries.

F.A.C.E. Summit Draws Family and Community Members to CSUSB

On Sep. 24, the Family and Community Engagement (FACE) Summit took place at California State University, San Bernardino (CSUSB). This summit was designed to provide families, schools and community partners with information and resources to support and guide all students with the cognitive, social-emotional tools and support for college and career readiness.



SBCSS Observes Patriot Day



Sunday, Sep. 11 marked the 21st anniversary of one of our nation's greatest tragedies and a significant reminder of the freedoms and values we share as Americans. It is a day to honor the victims who lost their lives, as well as the heroes who risked their lives to save them.

Three Schools Named National Blue Ribbon Schools of Excellence



The United States Secretary of Education, Miguel A. Cardona, recognized 297 schools as National Blue Ribbon Schools for 2022 based on their overall academic excellence or their progress in closing achievement gaps among student subgroups.

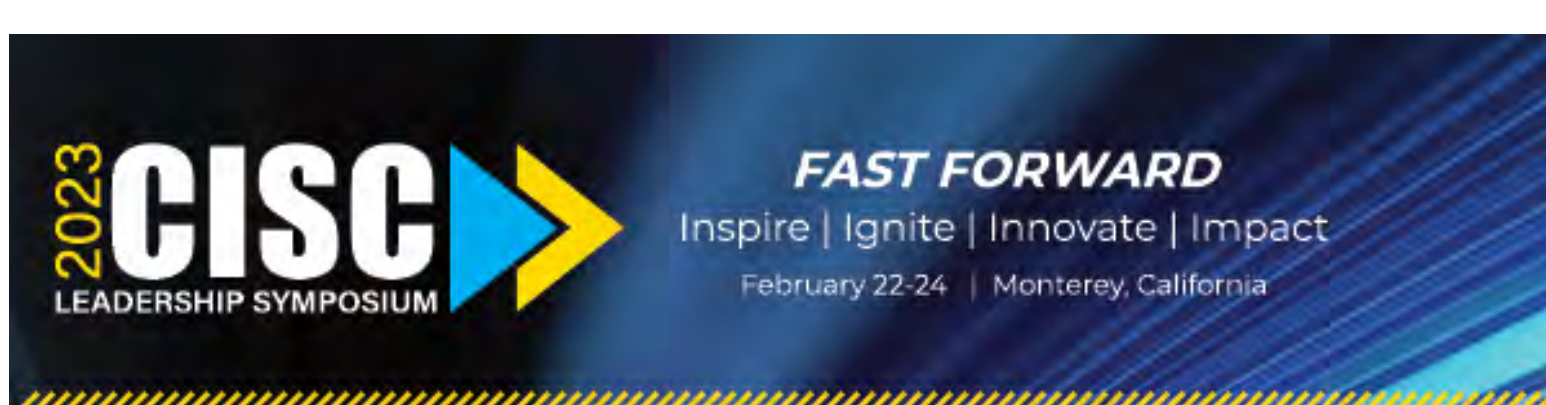
The National Blue Ribbon Schools award affirms the hard work of students, educators, families and communities in creating safe and welcoming schools where students master challenging content. We are so thrilled that three schools in San Bernardino County were recognized with this recognition. They are:

- Grapeland Elementary School, Etiwanda Elementary School District
- Richardson PREP HI Middle School, San Bernardino City Unified School District
- John L. Golden Elementary School, Etiwanda Elementary School District



Announcements

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 the State of California for three days full of learning about the latest shifts in education and models of innovative action.

[Register Now](#)

Veterans Diploma Project Now Accepting Applications



Applications are now being accepted for the annual Operation Recognition Veterans Diploma Project. During the annual ceremony, diplomas are awarded to eligible individuals whose high school education was interrupted due to military service.

Individuals who served in World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War or individuals who were interned in Japanese American relocation camps are eligible to apply.

To be considered for this year's recognition, applications must be submitted by Monday, Oct. 24.

[Learn More About Qualifications](#)

Join our SBCSS Family



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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