

## #STEMapalooza21 Reaches More Students Than Ever

**STEMapalooza21**

- 6,464 students registered
- 542 teachers registered
- 35 public school districts participated

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As educators, we love those moments when we see our students engaged in learning and enjoying the experience. This past week, the Alliance for Education launched this year's virtual STEMapalooza event for grades 4-8.

More than 4,100 students participated in unique industry sector rooms featuring high school and post-secondary pathways. And that was just the first day. The virtual nature of the event had students exploring and navigating the STEM content at their own pace.

Regional Occupation Program (ROP) Administrator Carol Tsushima said, "#STEMapalooza21 increased access to thousands of students across the Inland Empire who otherwise would not have participated if it hadn't been a virtual event."

With the flexibility of this year's event registration continuing through March 15, we expect to serve nearly 18,000 students from 35 school districts in San Bernardino and Riverside Counties.

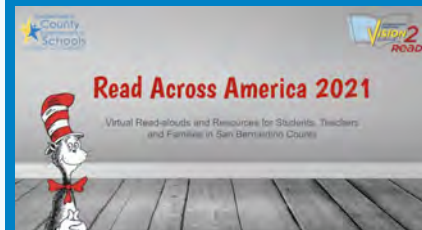
I sincerely appreciate all the schools and districts, as well as the partners and other organizers who teamed with our office to make this year's STEMapalooza widely available for every child who wished to participate.

We know that providing opportunities like this help give our students a taste of the careers and preparations needed for future success. By exposing students early on, we are able to help them gain a robust set of skills needed to compete in our ever-evolving world. To learn more about this virtual event click [here](#).

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## Newsroom Spotlights

### Read Across America 2021 Read-Alouds and Resources



San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools has compiled virtual read-alouds and resources for students, teachers and families.

[Learn more.](#)

### Five County School Teams Advance to State Academic Decathlon



Chaffey High School, Chino High School, Rancho Cucamonga High School and Redlands High School will join county champion Etiwanda High School at the State Academic Decathlon Championship, March 25-28.

[Learn more.](#)  
[Watch the awards video.](#)

### 7th Annual Foster and Homeless Youth Services Summit

## Webisode Wednesdays—Elevating Educators' Voices Across the Inland Empire



Though challenging, learning continues to move forward in new and positive directions.

The COVID-19 pandemic has created a shift from traditional teaching and learning models to remote learning approaches. To help with this transition, our Digital Learning Services (DLS) team has been empowering educators to share new ideas, tools and practices with the *Webisode Wednesdays* professional development series.

Since March 2020, *Webisode Wednesdays* has provided a network of support to nearly 2,600 teachers, administrators, educators and parents. The webinar series is held bi-monthly and includes topics that align with the mission of DLS and the International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) Standards for Educators.

I am pleased to see educators from across the Inland Empire come together to share resources that will help enrich distance learning experiences for students.

To ensure that our students receive an equitable, future-ready education – one that is informed by data and supported by technology – the DLS team will be hosting CyberIE Girls, March 13, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The free workshop is geared towards female middle school students, administrators, educators and parents and aims to motivate young women to pursue careers in computer science.

For more information on the services provided by the DLS team, please visit our [website](#).

## Virtual Student Advisory Panel Sessions Create a Safe Space for Student Voices

In today's fast-paced and socially distant world, now more than ever, we see the need to slow down, reconnect and listen.

Creating an open space to hear students concerns, as well as their outlooks and need for opportunities, has been the main mission of the Student Advisory Panel since its inception in 2015. Each year, as the starting point for their advocacy and in-



## 7TH ANNUAL FOSTER AND HOMELESS YOUTH SERVICES SUMMIT

San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools in partnership with Riverside County Office of Education will host the 7th annual Foster Homeless Youth Services Summit virtually on March 11.

[To learn more and register.](#)

## Five County Programs Receive Prestigious Golden Bell Award



Four county school districts and one joint powers authority – Central Elementary, Chaffey Joint Union High, Redlands Unified, San Bernardino City Unified and Mountain Desert Career Pathways JPA– received recognition for attaining the Golden Bell Award at a virtual ceremony on Feb. 1.

[Read more.](#)

## SBCSS Celebrates Women's History Month



San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools is proud to celebrate Women's History Month!

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depth presentations, we encourage participating students to use the County Community Vital Signs: access to health and wellness, education, safety and economy.

This year we will continue to use the Vital Signs as guides, but we felt the need to address our current reality and how the pandemic has impacted each of the county vital signs.

Nearly 150 students from all regions of the San Bernardino County registered to participate in this year's virtual event. Each region's cohort will meet for three planning sessions before presenting their findings to elected officials and community leaders.

Every year I am inspired to see how our students use their expressive leadership skills and passion to inform elected officials and community leaders about their current educational and community experiences. I look forward to hearing our students make honest suggestions regarding what future actions or decisions are needed to help themselves and their communities move forward.

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