

INSPIRATION

From Ted Alejandre



Superintendent's Monthly Message



All County Schools' programs and 33 districts in San Bernardino County are now in session, offering dynamic learning opportunities for our students. As we eagerly welcome our students and staff back to our campuses, their health remains the top priority. Collaboration with our local, state and federal partners to support their safe return will continue as we navigate the current challenges together.

It was a privilege for me to participate in Back-to-School events within our community and also with our own student services programs. The energy was amazing and I was moved by the commitment of our teachers and families to focus on what's best for students both academically and emotionally.

I am immensely grateful to our partners in public and behavioral health, our colleagues in higher education institutions, and local faith-based and community-based organizations. Together, we were able to provide critical services and resources to students through our annual backpack giveaways. Over 10,000 backpacks, filled with school supplies, were distributed across San Bernardino County. These events also included health services, as well as food and clothing distributions.

At the San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools, our mission is to transform lives through education—but we have been transformed in return. We have learned creative

ways to engage our students and families by leveraging new technologies and partnerships to become even more united in our shared efforts to always do what's best for students. We move forward with renewed purpose to provide our entire learning community with incredible experiences that will transform lives for generations.

The best is yet to come!

Sincerely,

Ted Alejandre
County Superintendent of Schools

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The Newsroom

Governor Newsom Visits San Bernardino County

I had the opportunity to inform Governor Newsom of the most pressing educational issues being faced by students and staff throughout San Bernardino County and the challenges still posed by the pandemic for our schools, when he visited San Bernardino City Unified School District (SBCUSD) last month.



Along with State Superintendent Tony Thurmond and SBCUSD Superintendent Doc Ervin, we visited several classrooms together and listened to first and fourth-grade students share their experiences of returning to in-person instruction after 18 months of Distance Learning.

It was beneficial for the Governor to see first-hand the realities our students, staff, and families are experiencing, and learn about the collaborative efforts we are engaged in to meet the needs of all students throughout San Bernardino County as they return to the classroom.

\$5.6 Million Grant Awarded to San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools to Boost Early Literacy

I am pleased to share the fabulous news that San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools (SBCSS) has received \$5,626,867 in funding through the Comprehensive Literacy State Development (CLSD) Grant to advance early literacy from the California Department of Education.

This funding will be used to support literacy efforts and provide greater opportunities for all of our students to achieve success in their academic pursuits and beyond.



[Learn more.](#)

SEBA Shop With A Cop Teacher Edition

This is the second year San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools and the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Employees' Benefit Association (SEBA) have joined together to celebrate teachers throughout the county by awarding a total of \$25,000 to schools during our annual Back to School Shop with a Cop Teacher Edition event.

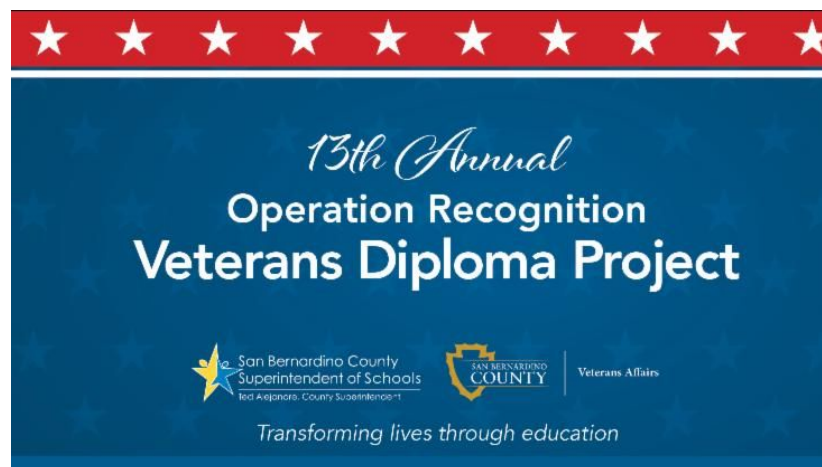
SEBA President Grant Ward and I are visiting 12 schools throughout San Bernardino County this month to distribute the cash awards to teachers. These funds can be used to enhance their classrooms and instruction to keep their students engaged.



This remarkable program is an example of what can be accomplished when educational partners come together and create positive learning environments for students. I am excited to see what creative, innovative approaches our amazing teachers will take this year.

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13th Annual Operation Recognition Veterans Diploma Project Applications Now Being Accepted



Apply today

Applications are being accepted for the annual graduation ceremony to award diplomas to men and women whose high school education was interrupted due to military service or internment in a Japanese American camp.

In partnership with the County Department of Veterans Affairs, the San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools is offering an opportunity to provide veterans and internees who qualify for a high school diploma, as authorized through the California Education Code.

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

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