



San Bernardino County  
Superintendent of Schools  
*Transforming lives through education*

# Inspiration

*From the desk of Ted Alejandro, County Superintendent*

## Congratulations Class of 2021



As your county superintendent, I am honored to celebrate the amazing achievements made by the Class of 2021.

I would like to take a moment to acknowledge the perseverance and determination of San Bernardino County students as well as their supporters who made this important milestone possible.

On June 17, we recognized the sixth graduating class from our student services programs. Many of them were the first in their family to receive a diploma and it was inspiring to witness this special accomplishment in person.

Though it has been a challenging year, I have been moved by the exceptional resilience of our students. They overcame every obstacle with great tenacity to complete the requirements needed to achieve their dreams. To those supportive figures who mentored and guided these graduates, whether in person or in spirit, your efforts are truly appreciated beyond measure.

As you continue your journey, consider this thought by John Wooden: "Be more concerned with your character than your reputation, because your character is what you really are, while your reputation is merely what others think you are."

Best wishes to our graduates. May you always have the courage to transform your life and create a better tomorrow.

View the [graduation video](#).

Download the [complete program](#).

## Students Code at Virtual Summer

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## Newsroom Spotlights

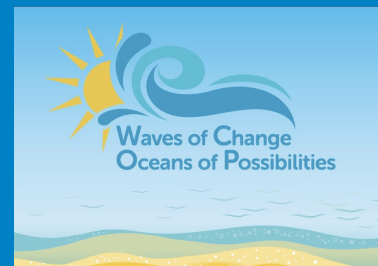
### News & Events



Catch up on the latest news and events from San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools.

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## Register for The Southern Region Student Wellness Conference

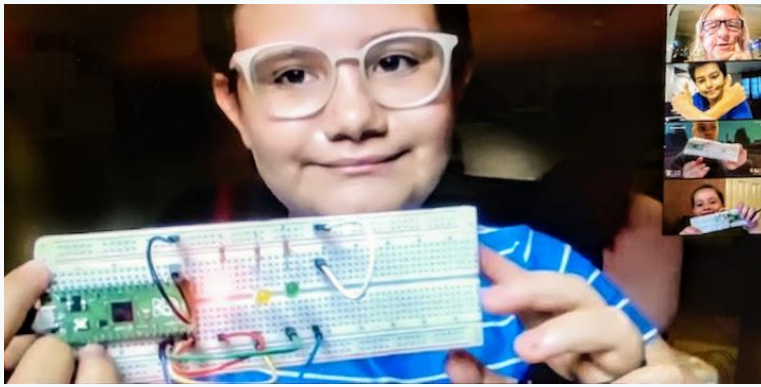


We invite you to the 2021 Southern Region Student Wellness Conference where, in waves of change, we discover oceans of possibilities! This year's virtual conference will showcase dynamic presentations from leaders who support innovative approaches for student success during changing times.

[Learn more.](#)

Education Support

## Camp



I am continuously inspired by our students' pursuit of knowledge. Even after a year of distance learning, over 80 of our elementary students logged on for eight days during their summer break to participate in a Virtual Computer Science Summer Camp hosted by our Expanded Learning program.

From June 21 to July 1, our SBCSS staff, along with educators from the University of Redlands, utilized a free curriculum created by Google to introduce young students to coding in fun and entertaining ways. Lessons were divided into focused, single day events to keep students engaged. During one of the themed sessions, participants dressed up as their own superheroes, complete with backstory and superpowers, and used a block-based coding program called Scratch to create an animated story that embodied their character.

Students also received two physical starter kits from Play Piper that demonstrated the relationship between coding and circuitry. They were able to experience the practical applications of the technology by creating video game controllers and simulated traffic lights. Students were also exposed to advanced vocabulary related to engineering, physics, and computer science. Best of all, students kept their kits and will retain access to the online courses, allowing them to continue learning about these topics throughout the summer and upcoming school year.

This summer education event was made possible through the SBCSS Expanded Learning and Digital Learning Services programs, as well as the phenomenal network of support that facilitated this innovative opportunity.

It has been proven that early exposure to computer science greatly improves the chances of students choosing to pursue higher education, especially in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) fields. We hope by encouraging students to explore these fields now we can help to prepare them for greater opportunities in the workforce of tomorrow.

## SBCSS Partners with Non-Profits to Host Christmas in July

## Services: Menu of Services 2021-22



Our Education Support Services branch has created a comprehensive and informative Menu of Services for the 2021-22 school year. Please feel free to download and share this great resource!

[View the menu of services.](#)

## Annual Back to School Resource Fair, Aug 5, 10 a.m. -12 p.m.



The Back to School Resource Fair benefits hundreds of children (TK-12) from low-income families in Adelanto Elementary School District with backpacks, school supplies, shoes and more. Agencies from across San Bernardino County will be available to provide support.

[Learn more.](#)

## Join Our Summer Reading Race



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