



# INSPIRATION

From Ted Alejandre



## County Superintendent's Monthly Message



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This holiday season, we have so much to be thankful for. As we approach the end of 2021, I look back and see a year in which we overcame many challenges.

We've adapted and found innovative solutions to open schools throughout our county. We walked shoulder to shoulder with one goal in mind: to transform lives through education.

For that, I am truly grateful.

Over the past several weeks, San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools has spread holiday cheer by providing Thanksgiving meals and toys to the students we serve. Our team here at SBCSS has worked diligently to make the holidays special for each and every one of our students. Through collaboration and teamwork, we put smiles on children's faces and brought tears of joy to their parents. We are making an impact here at SBCSS. I am proud to be working alongside a dedicated team of educators and staff who share a strong commitment to our students.

From our family here at San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools to yours, we want to wish you a wonderful holiday season and a happy new year!

Please [watch](#) this month's Inspiration video newsletter to learn more about the collaborations and exciting milestones we've accomplished together.

Sincerely,

Ted Alejandre  
County Superintendent of Schools



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## The Newsroom

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### SBCSS Brings Holiday Cheer to Youth in Transition



Dozens of students across San Bernardino County received the toys they truly wanted this year because of the generosity of our community partners and our staff here at San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools.

The SBCSS Children Deserve Success program held its annual holiday celebration event on Dec. 10. Over 100 children received holiday gift bags at three transitional sites in San Bernardino. Our SBCSS staff

sponsored wish lists from children we serve through our programs to ensure they received the presents they wanted.

It was a joy to see their faces light up as I called their names. Many of them couldn't hold their excitement as they ran up to receive their gifts. A San Bernardino County Fire engine led the drive-thru celebration, and representatives with the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department handed out gift cards. Of course, Santa Claus and other festive characters were there to put smiles on children's faces.

I want to thank our community partners including Child Assistance Fund, San Bernardino County Department of Public Health, Highland Congregational Church, Inland Empire Health Plan, San Bernardino County Teachers Association, Fifth District PTA and The Home Depot.

[Learn more.](#)

### San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools Distributes Thanksgiving Food to Families

One in five children in San Bernardino County live in households experiencing food insecurity, and that is why it is so important that we all work together to bring joy to families during the holiday season. Every year, the staff here at SBCSS is dedicated to run successful food drives to alleviate some of that financial stress.

SBCSS Employee Connection and the

Children Deserve Success Homeless Education Program each provided food boxes to families in the community during two separate events. Together, the food giveaways assisted hundreds of families in need and allowed them to have a warm meal with their loved ones during the holiday.

Through events like these, I am reminded of how a small donation and an act of kindness can make a big impact on people's lives, and I am thankful for the partnerships that make it all possible.



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## Computer Science Teaches Today's Students to Solve Tomorrow's Problems



Here at San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools, we strive to provide students with pathways to a successful future, and one way we do that is to expose them to different interests and careers.

Earlier this month, ahead of Computer Science Education Week, students took part in a virtual workshop facilitated by SBCSS Digital Learning Services called, Cyber IE Kids Camp. They

learned how to break out of a digital escape room with physical computing and block-based coding.

Over at Wayne Ruble Middle School in Fontana Unified School District, eighth-graders are programming their own micro:bits, which are pocket-sized computers used for learning.

These bright students are programing micro:bits to do things like change colors as the temperature rises or falls! Their teacher says the excitement and sparkle she sees in their eyes is just priceless. We are continuing to take part in impactful work. We are inspiring students to learn about computer science while advocating for equity in computer science education as we set up our students to succeed in STEM fields and ignite a passion for learning.

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## SBCSS in the News

Please click on the link below the photo to watch the news stories featuring the positive programs and work we are doing here at San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools.



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