

# Inspiration

*From the desk of Ted Alejandre, County Superintendent*

## Thank You Teachers and Classified Staff!



Every year, San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools looks forward to celebrating our Teachers and Classified Employees. This year, Teacher Appreciation Week occurs May 3-9 and May 13 is Day of the Teacher. May 17-23 is designated as Classified School Employee week.

This is always a great opportunity for staff and administrators to recognize the tireless dedication our teachers and classified staff provide our students. Fulfilling our mission would not be possible without their hard work and contributions to our organization, and their passionate commitment to our students.

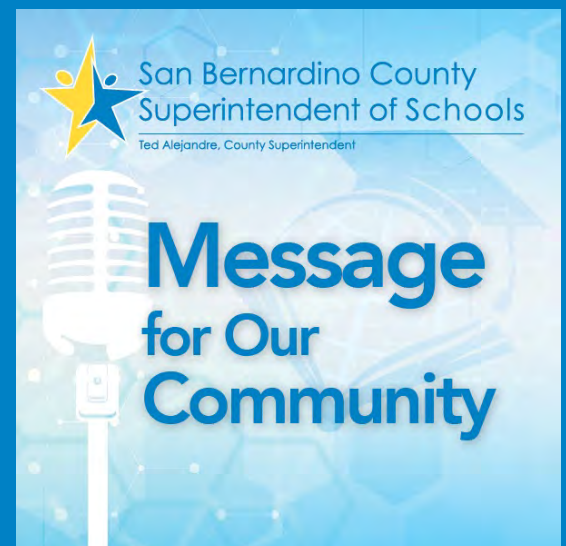
Now more than ever, I want to applaud each and every one of our teachers and classified employees for continuing their important work in this transformed education landscape. Your commitment to our students has not wavered during these very challenging times. You are at the heart of our work to transform lives through education!

Be well, and thank you for all you do!

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## Newsroom Spotlights

### Messages To Our community



During this unprecedented time in education San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools has made significant strides in taking advantage of new technologies and partnerships in an effort to maintain strong communications with our community. Follow the image to hear messages from some of our team leads and their ongoing efforts to support educators, students and their families.

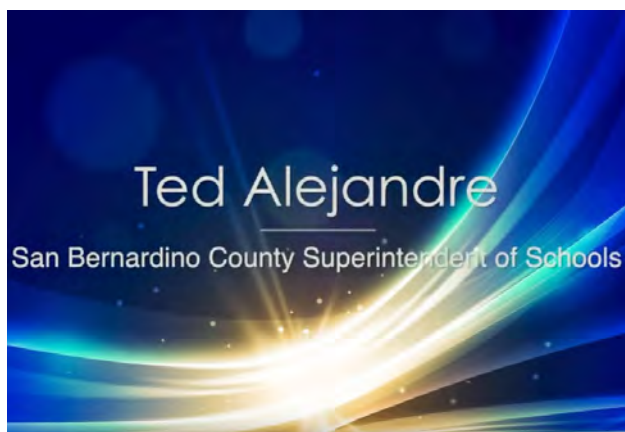
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### Applied Digital Skills With Google Ed Teach Web Session To Be Held May 6

## Superintendent's Weekly COVID-19 Update

In response to the current COVID-19 pandemic, I have begun providing weekly video updates regarding the county's priorities, official government guidance and critical information from our county office of education regarding COVID-19 response efforts.

You can view the video message regarding these important updates [here](#) or by clicking on the image.



We also have developed a weekly newsletter focused on our offices continued commitments and responses during this time. You can read the latest update [here](#).

## Student Advisory Panel Conducts Virtual Final Presentations

Each year, our Education Support Services branch brings together high school students from the high desert, west end and east valley regions of our county to participate in several Student Advisory Panel sessions. The program is designed to focus the thoughts and recommendations of our students in key areas of our Community Vital Signs (CVS) including economy, education, safety and health.



Students from across San Bernardino County participate with key community leaders in a virtual session of the Student Advisory Panel.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we made the hard decision to cancel the final session for some of our students just as schools were preparing to close. As much of our work in education has

transformed to distance and digital learning environments, we sought ways to acknowledge the hard work, time and efforts of participating students in a virtual format.

On May 1, SBCSS was able to successfully host a virtual forum for these students to share their final projects and thoughts with key officials. Some of the participating panel members included: Brian Nyamwange, CVS Health Lead Pharmacist; Chris Hollister, Ed D. Clifton, Interim High Desert and East Valley Superintendent; and

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## Virtual Field Trips for Distance Learning



SBCSS Digital Learning Services staff is sponsoring a webinar for virtual field trip opportunities for students on May 19.  
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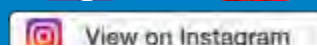
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It was outstanding to hear students' insights . All of the students who participated showed great care and attention to the needs of their peers and their communities. The forum was truly inspirational.

I take great solace knowing our offices realize the continued importance of student voice as we deal with disruption to our daily norms. We know that students, when offered the chance, can shed great light with their observations and opinions for what they believe their needs are and how we as parents, teachers and community leaders can help them achieve their goals.

As we progress and transform the way we educate our students, it is more important than ever to continue this open dialogue. If the proposals brought forward during this virtual session are any indication of our students' strength and resiliency, our communities will be in the great hands of this future generation.

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