

# Inspiration

*From the desk of Ted Alejandre, County Superintendent*



## Grand Opening Ceremony Celebrates New Dorothy Inghram Learning Center



Hundreds attended the grand opening ceremony of the Dorothy Inghram Learning Center on Feb. 4.  
View photos from the event [here](#).

It was exciting to see the large turnout and positive reception by the public during the grand opening ceremony for the newly renovated San Bernardino County Board of Education Dorothy Inghram Learning Center on Feb. 4.

The center, which opened to students in August 2018, is home to the new Cybersecurity courses offered through San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools' Regional Occupation Program (ROP). The renovated facility, which has more than 41,000 square feet of space, took 11 months to remodel. The Dorothy Inghram Learning Center is home to both the County Schools' ROP and the East Valley Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA), as well as the new permanent home for the County Board of Education's monthly meetings.

The facility features spacious conference rooms and high-tech classrooms for students in ROP courses. The Cybersecurity courses are aligned with both San Bernardino Valley College and Cal State San Bernardino, helping students prepare for lucrative, fast-growing and technology-based careers.

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Forty-six San Bernardino County teams competed in the final day of the 36th annual Academic Decathlon competition at Los Osos High School in Rancho Cucamonga on Feb. 2.  
[See the photos](#).



Students at the elementary, middle and high school levels will perform in February as part of two regional San Bernardino County honor bands and a countywide orchestra.

## Annual Education Awards Seek Nominees During February

This is the time of year to honor those individuals, groups and education partners who do so much to support the public schools throughout San Bernardino County. The nomination process is now open for both the Education Medal of Honor and Distinguished Service Award. Honorees for both awards will be recognized by the County School Boards Association in April.

The 28th annual Education Medal of Honor recognizes community volunteers, service groups, business and community partners, as



Recipients of the county's Education Medal of Honor and Distinguished Service Award will be honored in April.

well as education professionals and school alumni. The six recipients of the Education Medal of Honor are selected from those who are nominated this month. A copy of the nomination form with instructions is available from the County Schools' website [here](#).

For the 21st annual Distinguished Service Award, as many as two individuals can be recognized each year for their outstanding work and efforts that positively impact our schools, districts and region. The nomination form for the Distinguished Service Award can be accessed from the County Schools' [website](#).

Please take the opportunity before the deadline of Feb. 19 to recognize deserving nominees for these outstanding awards. As county superintendent, I am proud of the strong and rich tradition of service to our schools we see each year in our communities.

## Gov. Newsom Proposes Increases To Education Funding In State Budget

There's plenty of positive developments in reviewing Gov. Gavin Newsom's first proposed state budget for the 2019-20 fiscal year that includes providing some relief for districts from pension obligations and additional support for early education and special education programs.

Gov. Newsom has proposed funding

[Read more here.](#)



Students from several East Valley and West End school districts met for the first Student Advisory Panel session on Jan. 31 at the Dorothy Inghram Learning Center.

[See the photos.](#)



Ten San Bernardino County elementary schools have received a combined \$545,000 through the California Department of Education's After School Education and Safety Kids Code grant program.

[Read more here.](#)



San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools -- in collaboration with Colton Joint Unified School District, San Bernardino City Unified and University of California,





Gov. Newsom's 2019-20 state budget proposal increases LCFF to \$63 billion.

outside the Proposition 98 guarantee to help scale-down districts' state teacher pension unfunded liabilities. Also, Local Control Funding Formula revenues would rise \$2

billion from the 2018-19 budget to \$63 billion in the upcoming fiscal year. In addition, Gov. Newsom is proposing \$576 million for special education - San Bernardino County has more than 53,000 special education students enrolled in our 33 school districts.

Finally, early education programs would receive \$1.8 billion in the governor's proposal to expand all-day kindergarten programs and add 200,000 slots for state preschools. County Schools will continue to monitor developments in the state budget process and provide additional updates as they are warranted.

Riverside, Graduate School of Education -- has received an annual grant from the Commission on Teacher Credentialing to help alleviate the shortage of special education teachers.  
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