



San Bernardino County
Superintendent of Schools

Transforming lives through education

Inspiration

From the desk of Ted Alejandre, County Superintendent



Appreciative Of Turnout For Second Swearing-in Ceremony



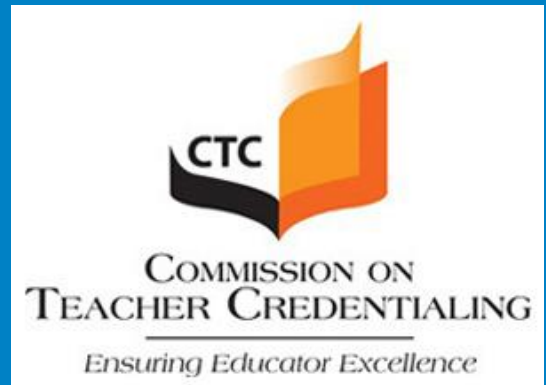
County Superintendent Ted Alejandre took his second oath of office on Jan. 7.

More than 175 participants attended my second oath-of-office, swearing-in ceremony on Jan. 7, for which I am appreciative and humbled. Since taking office in 2015, I am proud of the service, commitment and collaboration I have seen to support the more than 403,000 students who attend schools in San Bernardino County's 33 districts.

I look forward to continuing to assist the hard work and achievement taking place in our classrooms to prepare all students for college and careers. Working in concert with districts and education stakeholders across our county, the mission to help our students be ready to compete in the global economy remains the highest priority. I remain committed to helping transform lives through education and assisting in the critical role public education plays in making our communities safe with the promise of providing opportunities to flourish in the future.

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San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools -- in collaboration with Colton Joint Unified School District, San Bernardino City Unified and University of California, Riverside, Graduate School of Education -- has received a \$400,000 annual grant from the Commission on Teacher Credentialing.

[Read more here.](#)

California School Dashboard Provides Insights To Progress Of Our Schools

In early December, the California Department of Education released its statewide Dashboard, a comprehensive accountability measurement of California's public schools. With multiple indicators - including test scores, grad rates and college/career readiness - the California School Dashboard provides a clearer understanding of how schools and districts in our communities are progressing.



Data for countywide schools and districts are available through the California School Dashboard.

The Dashboard takes a look at 10 measurements - six indicators on a statewide basis and four others focused on local accountability. With multiple measurements, this provides an

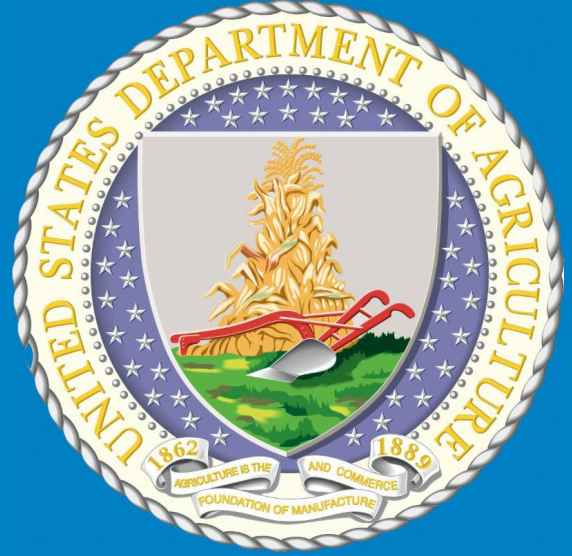
opportunity to address equity by focusing on disparities among student subgroups, as well as delivering more local information pertaining to goals, priorities and planning through a district's Local Control Accountability Plan.

One of the key elements about the Dashboard is how it identifies schools and districts facing challenges in specific indicators. County offices of education statewide, assist schools and districts in determining strengths and weaknesses and identify areas where intensive support is needed.

Our office has developed an Open Data Portal to provide ease and access to viewing results for countywide schools and districts. The Open Data Portal can be accessed [here](#). Parents, educators and community members can access the data provided by the California School Dashboard to generate insights and direction for improving the quality of their schools and districts.

Cajon High Wins First-Ever County Mock Trial Title

Hearty congratulations to Cajon High School, winner of this year's San Bernardino County Mock Trial competition, which held its finals on Dec. 8. For Cajon,



Four school districts in San Bernardino County - Ontario-Montclair, Redlands, Rialto and Victor Valley Union High School District - received awards from the United State Department of Agriculture's Summer Sunshine program.
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Two San Bernardino County schools - Etiwanda High School in the Chaffey Joint Union High School District and Day Creek Intermediate in Etiwanda School District - won statewide video contests sponsored by the California Department of Education.
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this was historic - the schools' first victory in the 37th annual competition.

This year's competition was fierce with Los Osos, Redlands and Redlands East Valley joining Cajon in the semifinals from the



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original field of 32 teams that began the competition in November. Cajon defeated Los Osos in its semifinal, and then edged out Redlands for the county championship.

Cajon will be celebrated, along with all countywide individual and team award winners, at the annual Mock Trial Awards celebration, which will be held on Jan. 15 at the DoubleTree Hotel in Ontario. As county champs, Cajon's team also advances to the California Mock Trial competition, which will be held in March in Sacramento. Congratulations to all of the outstanding teams and students, who shined in this year's thrilling competition!



Children Deserve Success of the San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools held its annual Holiday Celebration to benefit students and families on Dec. 10 at the Elks Lodge in San Bernardino.

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Over 130 schools were recognized for their work building positive campus climates for students in San Bernardino County at the third annual PBIS Showcase.

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