



San Bernardino County
Superintendent of Schools

Transforming lives through education

Inspiration

From the desk of Ted Alejandre, County Superintendent



Thankful For Support Shown At State Of Education Addresses



More than 1,300 attended the two annual State of Education Addresses in San Bernardino and Victorville in September. [View the photos.](#)

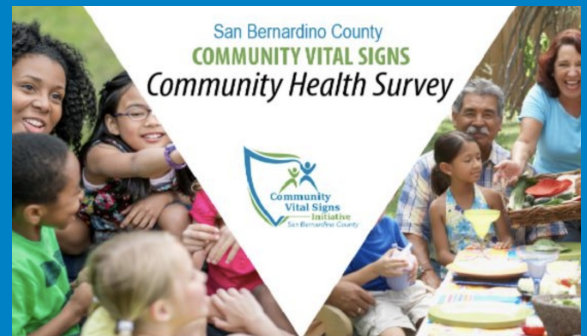
I am so appreciative of the large turnouts for my fifth annual State of Education Addresses that were held in San Bernardino on Sept. 19 and Victorville on Sept. 25. More than 1,300 combined educational stakeholders attended the events, which highlighted the innovative and engaging educational cultures flourishing in our county.

Once again, student performers from more than 10 represented schools and districts provided stellar entertainment and proudly took part in patriotic observances. I also want to thank Karen Scott, executive director of First 5 San Bernardino, and County Sheriff John McMahon who provided introductions at the two addresses.

Each year, I am inspired by the amazing work and achievements being made by the more than 406,000 students who attend public schools in San Bernardino County and the educators who serve them. I look forward to sharing and highlighting the great progress taking place in the 33 school districts in our county, as we continue this

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For residents of San Bernardino County, the Community Vital Signs Initiative is offering a community health survey online.

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Safety Summit To Highlight Strong Partnership Between Educators, Law Enforcement

School safety is a top educational priority, and the collaborative spirit between San Bernardino County school districts and law enforcement is vibrant and strong. This year's annual Gangs and Drugs Task Force Safety Summit provides more opportunities to share critical information about trends taking place with school safety in our region.



Community leaders, educators and law enforcement officials attend the annual countywide Safety Summit. [Register here.](#)

The Safety Summit will be held on Oct. 23 at the San Bernardino City Unified School District's Professional Development Center in San Bernardino. One of the topics that will be addressed

at this year's event includes the mental health aspects of bullying and how our schools can prevent it.

There also will be a panel discussion among police chiefs. There's still time to [register](#) online for this year's event. Please join community leaders, educators and law enforcement officials at this year's Safety Summit.

High Desert Honors Award-Winning PBIS Programs

Creating safe, positive and inviting cultures on school campus are desired outcomes for schools adopting Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports - or PBIS. The High Desert in San Bernardino County has been the birthplace of the program since it started in 2009. In September, the California Association of Health and Education Linked Professions honored 80 schools from the region that earned statewide recognition from the California PBIS Coalition.

The schools -
representing
10 High Desert
districts -
received
platinum,
gold, silver and



Brenda Dowdy, homeless education project manager for County Schools, will receive the 2019 Sandra Neese Lifetime Achievement Award at the 31st annual National Association for the Education of Homeless Children in Washington, D.C., in November.

[Read more here.](#)



Day 2 of the annual Science and Technology Education Partnership Conference (STEPCon) was held on Oct. 2 at Bourns Technology Center in Riverside.

[See the photos.](#)

bronze awards for their work on school campuses to provide safe environments for both students and staff. Six High Desert schools received the state's highest award, platinum, a record number this year.



Eighty High Desert schools, programs earned California PBIS Coalition awards in September. [View the photos.](#)

Better still, according to data from the California Department of Education, the number of suspensions countywide has dropped more than 34,000 since 2011, as well as nearly 400 fewer expulsions during the past eight reporting years. The High Desert has 155 schools that have instituted PBIS trainings, and countywide, nearly 360 programs in 28 school districts have implemented PBIS.

As county superintendent, I applaud the commitment and dedication these schools and districts have shown to make their campuses safer and more welcoming places for their students.



Day Creek Intermediate School in the Etiwanda School District has been named a National Blue Ribbon School, according to the California Department of Education.

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