

Santa Clara
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District Update



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Superintendent Search

As you may know, Superintendent Dr. Stan Rose retires in June at the end of the 2018-2019 school year. The Board of Trustees of Santa Clara Unified School District is in the process of conducting a superintendent search for purposes of hiring the District's next superintendent. Eric Andrews, Ed.D., and Fred Van Leuven, Ed.D., of Leadership Associates, an executive search firm, were selected to advise the Board in this important process.

Dr. Andrews and Dr. Van Leuven visited the district on February 28 to facilitate several sessions with various groups within our district's community to receive input about the desired qualities and characteristics of the next superintendent. This input will be a valuable contribution to the recruitment and selection process.

Here are the questions that The Board is soliciting responses to:

1. What personal and professional qualities for an incoming superintendent will be a match for Santa Clara Unified School District?
2. What are the strengths of the District, and what are the challenges you see for the District in the coming years?

In addition, we shared an online survey that was available from February 28 through March 7 and invited staff and community members to participate in one of our community forums on February 28.

If you were unable to make the forums or complete the survey, you can forward your written responses to these two questions to:

Becky Banning, Executive Assistant
bbanning@leadershipassociates.org

You may also request to speak with a consultant by sending an email to
bbanning@leadershipassociates.org

JOIN US!

AGNEWS SCHOOLS BOUNDARIES COMMUNITY CONVERSATION



Aerial rendering of new schools at Agnews campus

MARCH 12

Santa Clara High School Theater
3000 Benton Street, Santa Clara | 6:30 - 8 p.m.

MARCH 13

Don Callejon K-8 School, Multipurpose Room
4176 Lick Mill Blvd., Santa Clara | 6:30 - 8 p.m.

CAN'T MAKE IT?

Look for a link to participate
in the online discussion
when it opens on
March 12.

www.santaclarausd.org/subscribe

We will review
proposed boundary
changes; discuss
timelines for
opening the
elementary, middle,
and high schools;
and integrate
your input into the
planning process.



Rendering of future elementary school collaboration space

www.santaclarausd.org/agnews/boundaries

Talented Wilcox Grad Recognized by College Board

We are proud to share that talented Wilcox graduate YueTong Tsen, class of 2018, was recognized by the College Board in their AP Studio Art Exhibit.

The narrative for the project was art and anatomy. Students were asked to explore the idea of incorporating scientific illustration of human skeletons with nature. Tsen's work was created using alcohol markers and pens on toned drawing paper.

According to art teacher Heather Morton, Tsen "created a beautiful illustrative solution to the thought-provoking relationship between nature and humanity."

Read more at the [District website](#).



Our Students

Wilcox Student Makes it to South Bay Teen Idol Finals

Congratulations to Wilcox student Julia Cook for making it to the TOP 10 of the South Bay Teen Idol Finals! Finalists get to rehearse with professional vocal coaches and choreographers while enjoying the chance to bond with their fellow participants who share similar interests. At the finals, the judges choose the top three contestants and then the audience votes for its favorite. The first-place winner receives a \$2,500 prize, as well as a donation of \$500 to the winner's school. The second and third place winners also receive prizes.

We chatted with Julia about what got her interested in singing and why she's so passionate about it. You can read her interview and check out a video of Julia performing at the [District website](#).

“My performances in singing have given me the confidence to get in front of audiences that may help me give presentations at school...”

Julia Cook



Celebrating Black History Month



Santa Clara High School's Black Student Union (BSU) continued their annual tradition of sharing excellent Black History presentations on February 15. The presentation, which was entirely student-created and student-performed, was shared with many other Santa Clara High students in a series of five performances throughout the day. Read more at the [District website](#).



FCCLA Students Meet State Legislators

Santa Clara High School seniors Maliya Madanes and Ethan Malonzo, along with Mariam Touuney, Patrick Kibolov, and Cole Bay of Wilcox High School were selected to represent Region 5 at the Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) Capitol Leadership Experience. The event that took place in Sacramento on February 10 through 12 gave students the rare opportunity to observe Senate and Assembly committee hearings and floor sessions. In addition, students met with state legislators and staff to discuss the importance of Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) education and the Career Technical Student Organization (CTSO) FCCLA. Read more at the [District website](#).

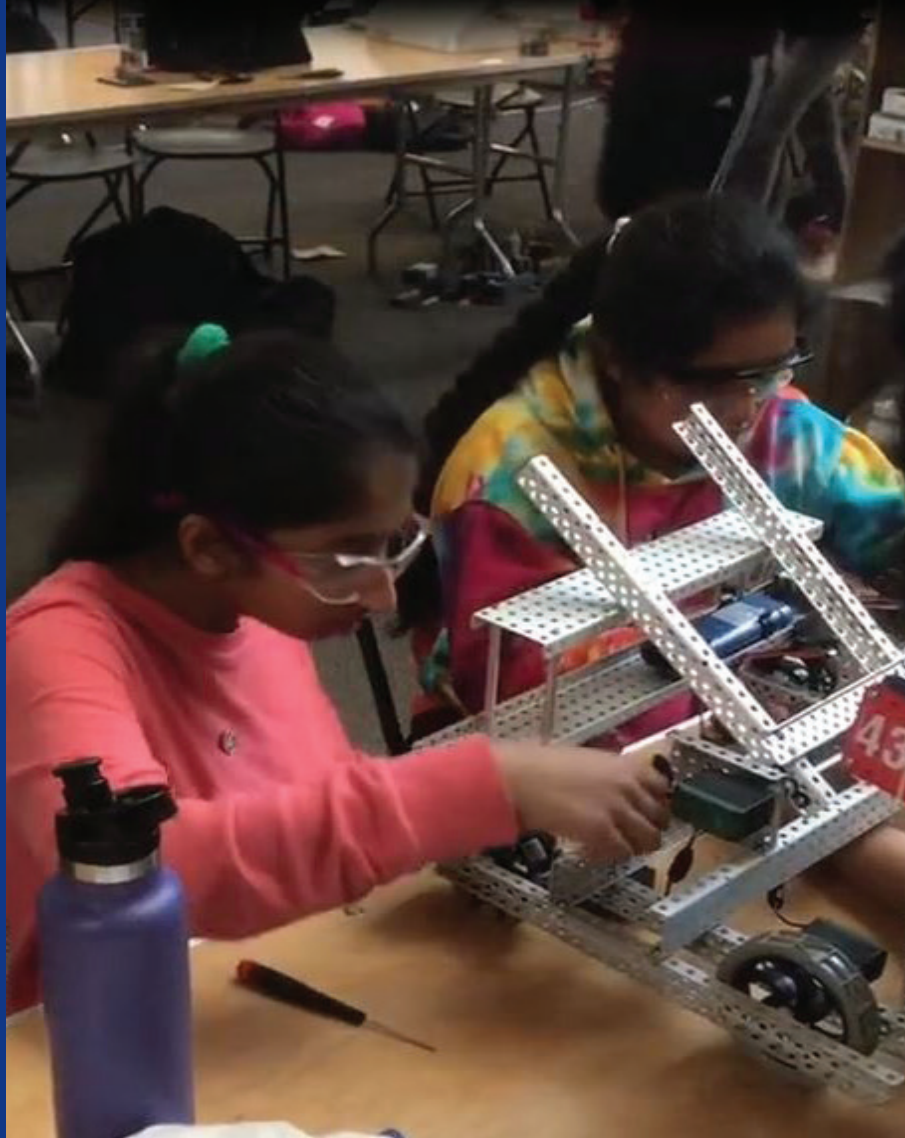


Buchser's Girls Robotics Team Breaking Barriers

It was 8 a.m. on a Sunday morning and hundreds of middle and high school students were at the Google complex talking robotics and focused on the upcoming matches where their homemade robots would be competing.

Past robotics competitions had shown Santa Clara Unified and the Girls Scouts of Northern California that Latina students were underrepresented so in partnership, they created a team that would work to address this lack of inclusion. Challenges that were identified as playing a role in preventing students who don't usually participate in these events from doing so included transportation, parent availability for chaperoning to practices and events, little to no past experience using robots, the cost of the VEX robots, and competition fees.

Read more at the [District website](#).



Buchser Student Named One of Five Finalists Nationwide

Buchser student Amelia Tai was recently named one of five finalists nationwide by Wonder Media for a character she created to enter into the [Create-Your-Own Character Contest](#).

ASHLEN FOSTER

Created by Amelia Tai
Buchser Middle School



The character that Tai created, Ashlen Foster, is an independent, quiet, shy student who yearns to make new friends and do new things, but feels held back by the fact that she is slightly deaf and wears a hearing aid. While Tai is not a deaf or hard of hearing student herself, according to special education teacher Heidi Knutson, she was inspired by the deaf and hard of hearing students at Buchser.

Learn more about the character and find out how to vote for Tai at the [District website](#).



BOARD BRIEFS



Highlights from the February 7 Board Meeting

[View the agenda](#)

Recognitions

- Recognize school psychologist, Laura Whitmore. Laura was honored posthumously with the Nadine M. Lambert Award for Region II from the California Association for School Psychologists.
- Recognize our 35 Year Partnership with the Santa Visits Alviso Foundation for their support of students and families in the George Mayne Elementary School and Alviso community.

Reports

- **[View the Bond Projects department report.](#)**
- Educational Options Director Brenda Carrillo presented an update on actions and services offered by the Family Resource Center (FRC) to support family engagement per the District's Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) and Strategic Plan goals. The FRC directly supports our Strategic Plan goal of Family Engagement with a focus on fostering a sense of belonging for all families so that students may reach their full potential. **[View the FRC presentation slides.](#)** **[View the FRC summary report.](#)**
- Bond Projects Director Larry Adams reported on a plan to create a consolidated Independent Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee for Measures BB-2018, H-2014, H-2010, and J-2004. Several related documents can be viewed on the full agenda.
- Public Information Officer Jennifer Dericco gave a report showcasing the district's new online community engagement platform, Thoughtexchange. **[View the Thoughtexchange presentation slides.](#)**

Discussion Items

- Discussion on an initial master plan for the Measure BB-2018 bond program. **[View the Measure BB presentation slides.](#)**
- Discussion of a 5% increase to the monthly stipends of members of the Board of Trustees per Board Policy 9250 and California Education Code Section 35120. The current monthly rate of \$441 has been in place since before the Great Recession, although it was temporarily adjusted downward during that time and restored in 2014.

Action Items

- Approval of a tentative agreement to increase the salary schedules for the children center and state preschool permit teachers by 3% effective July 1, 2018.
- Approval of a tentative agreement to increase the salary schedules for state preschool, children center, extended day, and district preschool classified employees by 3% effective July 1, 2018.
- Approval of an increase to the salary schedule of unrepresented hourly employees by 3% effective March 1, 2019.
- **[Approval of Resolution #19-03—Waiver for date of observance of Lincoln's Birthday](#)**
- **[Resolution #19-07, Affirmation of March as Women's History Month](#)**
- **[Resolution #19-08, Affirmation of March as National Reading Month](#)**

You can view photos from the board recognitions at the **[District Flickr account.](#)**

BOARD BRIEFS



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Reports

- **Bond Projects**
- **Facility Development and Planning**
- **Middle School Matters and Opportunity Programs**

Planning Items

- Adoption of History/Social Science and High School English Language Arts Instructional Resources

Action Items (Approvals)

- 2018-2019 second interim budget
- Tentative agreement with the California Federation of Teachers, AFT, Chapter 6343 to increase the salary schedules by 3% effective July 1, 2018
- Increase in the Family Child Education unrepresented hourly employee salary schedules by 3% effective July 1, 2018
- Increase in the Adult Education unrepresented supervisor employee salary schedule by 3% effective July 1, 2018
- Increase in the management employee salary schedules by 3% effective July 1, 2018
- Increase in the Board of Trustees monthly stipend by 5% effective March 7, 2019, per Board Policy 9550 and California Education Code Section 35120. The current monthly rate of \$441 has been in place since before the Great Recession, although it was temporarily adjusted downward during that time and restored in 2014.
- **Initial master plan for the Measure BB 2018 bond program**
- **Resolution #19-11**, prescribing the terms and authorizing the sale and issuance of bonds
- **Resolution #19-12**, consolidating the existing Citizens' Bond Oversight Committees into one committee and proposing new bylaws and work plans for the remainder of the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 school years
- **SCUSD Board of Trustees Governance Handbook**

Calendar

[Visit the District website](#) to view upcoming board meetings and other events.

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DRUG

awareness presentation

Information every parent should know about
the current trends in drug use and vaping.

MARCH 18, 2019 6:30 - 8:00 PM
FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER
1840 BENTON STREET
SANTA CLARA, CA 95050
408-423-3541

Community Service Officer Mike Robinson former Special Agent for the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will highlight:

- Current trends in substance use and vaping
- Trends and usage in Santa Clara County
- Impact of substance on physical and emotional development
- Resources for parents

Childcare and light refreshments will be provided.
Interpretation in Spanish and Vietnamese will be available.

UTSC Free Sale SCUSD

THURSDAY MAY 2nd

3:30 - 4:30

**District Resource Center
DRC Parking Lot
1095 Dunford Way
Sunnyvale**

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Donations Accepted