

# Santa Clara Unified School District

## SCHOOL DAYS ANNUAL REVIEW

2016-2017





### **Our Mission**

Preparing students of all ages and abilities to succeed in an ever-changing world.

### **Our Values**

Bringing out the full potential in all students and staff  
Diversity  
Integrity  
Fiscal responsibility  
Parental support and involvement  
Professionalism



# “Rising Above in Silicon Valley!”

## Message from the Superintendent and Board of Trustees

Thank you for your continued support of Santa Clara Unified schools. We are proud of our accomplishments and our commitment to “Rising Above in Silicon Valley!”

As we come to the end of another school year, let's reflect on the amazing work we as a community have accomplished. This year, our annual update includes updates on the accomplishments of our five-year strategic plan - the result of a yearlong process with our community, spotlights on student and teacher achievement, facilities updates, and more.

The dedication of our new STEM lab at Santa Clara High School is only one example of our facilities staff going above and beyond to create something that will serve the District for many years to come. We also successfully opened the STEAM-focused Central Park Elementary School. It involved the reopening of an existing campus with the infusion of research on developing the creative mind through a purposeful environment. Classrooms were designed and equipment purchased based on groundbreaking research and in partnership with neuroscientist Dr. Melina Uncapher. Staff and students are thriving at Central Park!

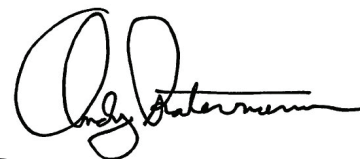
Through program enhancements, we increased student support and involvement in our Health and Wellness, Physical Education, and Music programs. We have made great progress in implementing common core standards, including increases in the amount of project-based learning and greater use of technology to individualize learning. Additionally, the Educational Services and Information Technology departments have worked together to create a multi-year 1:1 technology device plan.

By introducing Andrew Lucia as Assistant Superintendent for School Support and District Development, we have centralized and, by doing so, improved the communication to our administrators from the District Office. Andrew is also the lead in communications to the community and in gathering ideas and input from the community. And, with the addition of a partnerships manager in the Public Relations department, we can now be more strategic in working to connect government agencies, businesses, and nonprofits to the District in meaningful ways.

Two years into our Labor-Management Partnership, we have observed how classified, certificated, and management staff members have come together to effect decisions that will undoubtedly have positive impacts on our students for many years to come. This initiative is even more than that, though. Participating employees feel empowered to share in the decision-making process because they know their voices are heard, whatever their positions are in the District. This makes the Labor-Management Partnership an act of equity. Our students see us working together, and that modeling helps them learn what working together looks like. Ultimately, this helps make our students better citizens. All of us working together means better outcomes for our students.

With a growing district and an ever-changing world, we have much work to do in the years ahead. We have already come a long way as a community, and we have done it together — this makes us abundantly optimistic about the future! Thank you for your collaboration in the past, and we look forward to working together again as we continue to offer 21st Century education.

**Sincerely,**



**Stanley Rose III, Ed.D.**

Superintendent, SCUSD



**Andrew Ratermann**

President, Board of Trustees



## New High School

We are pleased to announce the opening of **Mission Early College High School** (MECHS), located on the Mission College campus. MECHS blends high school and college into a coherent educational program. This is an exceptional opportunity for our students to earn a high school diploma and up to two years of college credit. Students take high school courses taught by District instructors on the Mission College campus, and up to 15 units of college courses each semester with all fees waived by Mission College. The school accepts incoming 10th and 11th grade students for the fall of each school year. Visit the District website at [www.santaclarausd.org/MECHS](http://www.santaclarausd.org/MECHS) for more information.



**15,409** TK-12 students across the District making academic strides. This year alone, students from our district have reached the top .005 percent in the National Jackie Robinson Overcoming Barriers essay contest; qualified for the USA Mathematical Olympiad; received multiple awards at the FCCLA State Leadership Meeting; 24-0 girls basketball winning streak; won 2nd place in the county Migrant Education Speech and Debate Tournament; won gold and silver medals at the 2017 Skills USA Regional Leadership and Skills competition; were accepted into top universities across the country and much, much more.

# STEM & STEAM

(Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, & Math)

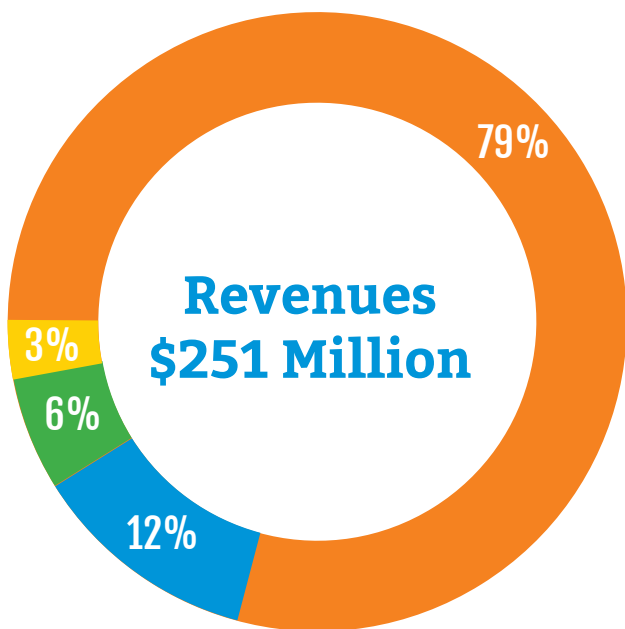
2016-2017 marked the re-opening of our **new STEAM-focused school, Central Park Elementary**. Central Park is already leading by example, winning the Maker Faire Best in Class (Young Makers) Bay Area 2017 award.

We partner with Chevron, the San Francisco 49ers, and the Silicon Valley Education Foundation to offer the six-year **STEM Leadership Institute (SLI) program at Cabrillo Middle School and Santa Clara High School**. Over the course of the year, SLI students participated in a variety of competitions and events, in addition to the regular workshops that happen during each student's 300 hours of extra instructional time each year. These include FIRST Lego League, FIRST Tech Challenge, Synopsys Science Fair, Tech Challenge, Maker Faire, volunteer work, WinterFest, and more.

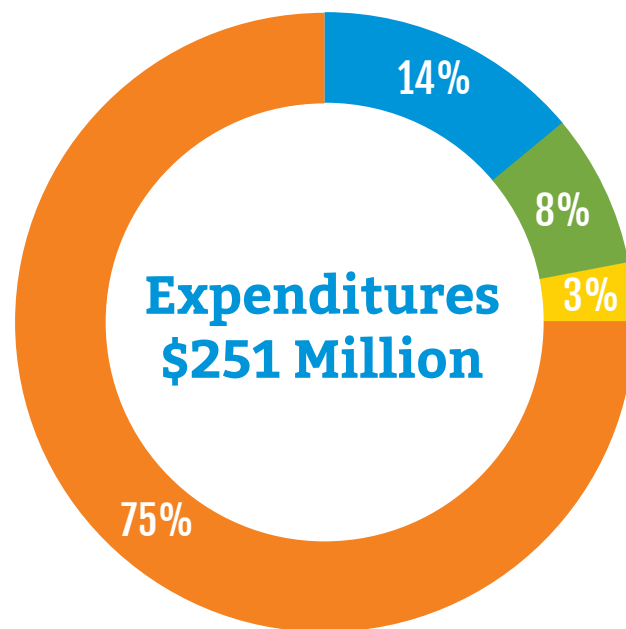
During the 2017-2018 school year, **Montague and Sutter Elementary Schools** are being transformed into full immersion computer science schools. The school curriculum will focus on teaching foundational coding knowledge with an emphasis on problem solving and critical thinking, and a 1:1 technology device to student ratio.

## Farm at Peterson

For the past ten years, a nonprofit called Sustainable Community Gardens (SCG) has been running a farm program called Full Circle Farm on a portion of the fields at Peterson Middle School. As the lease comes to its conclusion in July 2017, the District's needs have also changed. We will be taking over management of the farm and educational programming in order to further expand Environmental Science education for our students. We are excited for this new phase at the farm! For more information, please visit [www.santaclarausd.org/farm](http://www.santaclarausd.org/farm).



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 ■ State  
■ Local
 ■ Federal



■ Staff (Teachers, classified, etc.)
 ■ Services  
■ Books & Supplies
 ■ Other

**2,535** Dedicated staff members who share a passion for our students' education and constantly strive to make our District a better place to learn. Congratulations to Classified Employee of the Year, Claudia Freitas, Administrator of the Year, Kathy Martarano, and Teacher of the Year, Kelly Villarreal.

This school year, NASA announced that three SCUSD teachers were selected to train on board the Stratospheric Observatory for Infrared Astronomy (SOFIA). Amanda Heinisch and Eric Wozadlo of Santa Clara High, and Brad Beadell of Wilcox High School will participate in workshops, training, and flights on board SOFIA from a NASA research facility in Palmdale, California.



**84.5%** Graduation rate and rising

**28** Schools in the heart of Silicon Valley

- 17 Elementary Schools (TK-5)
- 1 K-8 School
- 3 Middle Schools (6-8)
- 2 Comprehensive High Schools (9-12)
- 3 Alternative High Schools
- 1 Alternative Program
- 1 Adult Education Campus

## New Leadership

### Kevin Keegan

Assistant Superintendent,  
Human Resources

### Andrew Lucia

Assistant Superintendent,  
School Support and District Development

This is a new division that provides support to our 28 schools, evaluates their administrators, oversees school attendance boundaries and open enrollment, coordinates the opening/reopening of school sites, and creates and maintains lines of communication with our many communities.



# Proud of Our Past – Investing in Our Future

Our top priority as a district is to prepare students of all ages and abilities for success in a rapidly evolving, ever-changing world including in the colleges and careers of the future. As the communities we serve continue to grow and change, so do we. Great schools have a commitment to excellence and innovation in the 21st Century.



## FOCUS

Through our extensive community input process and five-year strategic plan, we couldn't agree more that our schools must place importance on:

STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) and the teaching, learning, and facilities that support STEAM.

Student safety, and health and wellness support facilities.

Collaboration space.

Project-based, hands-on, flexible learning spaces.



## PROGRESS

A recent board report from our financial advisor confirms we continue to be good stewards of our community. Quality, excellent teaching and learning is directly related to quality school facilities – and our facilities staff work hard to keep our schools up to date and innovative. We are proud of the facilities improvements we've already completed thanks to Measure H 2014! We've included some highlights here and a full list of site-by-site updates will be added to our website this summer at [www.santaclarausd.org/bondprojects](http://www.santaclarausd.org/bondprojects).



## FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS

## COMPLETED PROJECTS INCLUDE:

Critical facility needs such as improved air quality, air conditioning, and energy efficient lighting at 14 school sites.

Re-modernizing and opening Central Park Elementary School.

Additional classroom space to relieve overcrowding.

Mayne Elementary School modernization, including air conditioning and energy efficient windows.

Major physical education facility modernization at Buchser and Peterson Middle Schools.

Other districtwide critical facility needs and high priority modernization projects.

The closure and landscaping of Bellomy Street, uniting Buchser Middle School into one campus.



## WE'VE BROKEN GROUND ON:

21st Century technology infrastructure, including smart, low footprint, interactive classroom projectors.

Additional temporary classroom space.

Mayne Elementary School modernization, including outdated classrooms and multipurpose building, and additional parking at the pick-up drop-off area.

Other districtwide critical facility needs and high priority modernization projects.

# FUTURE

As our community and district continue to grow, additional improvements required include:

Additional classrooms at Central Park Elementary School.

School safety projects such as security cameras.

Outdoor shade structures to protect students from the heat of the sun.

Additional campuses, expansion, and improvements, including at the Laurelwood, Martinson, and Agnews properties, an elementary school at Patrick Henry, and moving New Valley High School to Monticello.

Other districtwide critical facility needs and high priority modernization projects for all elementary schools.



## OUR DISTRICT

continues to seek community input on these critical facility needs. To complete all future needs in alignment with what new schools of the future require, and our growing enrollment, the District is seeking additional funds, including a potential bond in the future. No decisions have been made, and we encourage you to let us know what you think by emailing [communications@scusd.net](mailto:communications@scusd.net) or mailing comments to Public Relations, 1889 Lawrence Road, Santa Clara, CA 95051.





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## Important Dates

**July 24, 2017** | Santa Clara Adult Education Registration | Fall

**August 16, 2017** | First Day of School

**October 23, 2017** | Santa Clara Adult Education Registration | Winter

**November 22-24, 2017** | Thanksgiving Break

**December 22, 2017-January 5, 2018** | Holiday Break

**January 10, 2018** | Registration for 2018-2019 Opens

**January 10 - February 7, 2018** | Open Enrollment for 2018-2019

**January 22, 2018** | Santa Clara Adult Education Registration | Spring

**February 19-23, 2018** | Winter Break

**April 16-20, 2018** | Spring Break

**April 23, 2018** | Santa Clara Adult Education Registration | Summer

**June 8, 2018** | Last Day of School

## Free Summer Lunches

Fuel-up your summer with free lunches for kids and teens. For locations near you text "food" or "comida" to 877-877 or call 800-984-3663.

Here are the SCUSD schools that are participating in the program:

Santa Clara High School  
Wilcox High School  
Don Callejon K-8 School  
Boys and Girls Club at Mayne  
Youth Activity Center, Cabrillo

## District Hall of Fame

To nominate an alumnus of SCUSD for their prestigious achievements, please submit their name and a brief description of why you are nominating them to [communications@scusd.net](mailto:communications@scusd.net) or by or mail to Public Relations, 1889 Lawrence Road, Santa Clara, CA 95051.

## Rising Readers Summer Fun

Did you know? Children who read fewer than six books during summer vacation can lose up to 1 year of their reading skills. Our Rising Readers Early Literacy Initiative can help prevent this slide! In conjunction with Footsteps2Brilliance and the City of Santa Clara, this FREE app is a great way to keep preschool through 3rd grade kids' minds active over the summer with educational games, books, songs, and more.

Find out more information and sign up at [www.santaclarausd.org/F2B](http://www.santaclarausd.org/F2B).

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