

# 2017-2018



Monte Bello Ridge Environmental Education Program



Santa Clara Unified  
School District

## SCHOOL DAYS ANNUAL REVIEW



## **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

I always think the same thought this time of year — I can't believe another school year is starting. Here it is again! Let me be among the first to welcome you the 2018-2019 school year.

2018-2019 is a year of excitement and anticipation as we welcome our students and 60 new teachers, as well as a number of new classified staff members, to a brand new year. Some of our students are new to the district. To those who may be new, please know that this is a community of caring students, parents, and teachers who will do their best to make you feel warmly welcomed and comfortable in your new surroundings. People in Santa Clara Unified care.

Following our 2015-2020 strategic plan, “Rising Above in Silicon Valley!” and our Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP), this year, we are focusing our work to invest in student and staff excellence on three main themes:

- 1** We have a goal that **every student will graduate with a diploma**. That diploma provides the options we want every student to have for college and career. This work begins in our earliest grades, ensuring all students are reading at grade level by third grade, which directly correlates to graduation and post-graduation success.
- 2** We want **all our students to attend school regularly**. Most of our students do this already, but a small percentage of students become “chronically absent.” Being present at school, where students can receive the instruction, help, and guidance of our amazing certificated and classified staff and administration, offers our students the best chance for making positive progress toward their high school graduation and diploma.
- 3** We want to find ways to **better support our students who have special needs** to keep them on a positive path toward graduation.

More than teaching content and skills, we are teaching the whole child. We accept that responsibility because fulfilling it is necessary for the betterment of our community and our society. Our staff members and our parent community know how important education is to individuals and to our country. Over generations, families have risked everything just to be able to participate in the education that we offer here in Santa Clara Unified. How wonderful it is that we can all be part of such an important endeavor!

And as you know, our commitment to investing in excellence faces the voters of Santa Clara Unified on November 6, 2018. The Board of Trustees approved a Facilities Needs Summary in the Spring of 2018 and in August, the Board placed the bond plan designed to fund the assessment on the ballot. This \$720 million plan is a critical step forward to ensuring that each and every one of our schools provide the kinds of classrooms, labs, and other spaces needed to teach current core curriculum in math, science, technology, reading, and the arts. It will also make sure that our ongoing work to ensure safe, comfortable schools for all students is accelerated. Check out our website at [www.santaclarausd.org](http://www.santaclarausd.org) for more information on Measure BB and our bond planning program.

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.*

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

Superintendent



*Noelani Pearl Hunt*

**Noelani Pearl Hunt**

President, Board of Trustees



## Distinguished School Awards

This year, Washington Open Elementary School was one of 287 elementary schools honored under the California Distinguished Schools Program. The award recognizes schools for their outstanding performance and progress. This award is the 12th Distinguished School award in our district.

In addition to this prestigious award, Washington Open received a California Exemplary Program Award in Arts Education.

The school's strong ties to its families, past and present, and its community makes it a thriving hub of activity and the passion surrounding the campus is evident.



Photo: Michael Kitada

**15,509** K-12 students across the District are making academic strides. This year alone, students from our district have excelled in a variety of areas such as being named 2018 Stockholm Junior Water Prize State Winner; 1st & 2nd place wins at FCCLA's State Leadership Conference; silver medal at SkillsUSA California State Leadership and Skill Conference; national winner of Next Gen Personal Finance PAYBACK Challenge; featured stories on KQED; wins at the Synopsys Silicon Valley Science and Technology Championships; statewide winner of SIFMA Foundation's InvestWrite national essay competition, and much more.

# ACHIEVEMENTS

We are proud of what all of our schools have accomplished over the last year.

In August of 2018, seven schools received notification that they were being recognized for their work to rigorously implement Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports (PBIS) by the California PBIS Coalition. The schools awarded were Bracher, Hughes, Montague, Pomeroy, Ponderosa, and Sutter Elementary Schools and Don Callejon K-8 School.

Other notable STEM and STEAM-focused activities included the Districtwide Hour of Code and STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) Expo, along with Central Park's Augmented Reality Day and Sutter's Computer Science Showcase.

## The District Farm

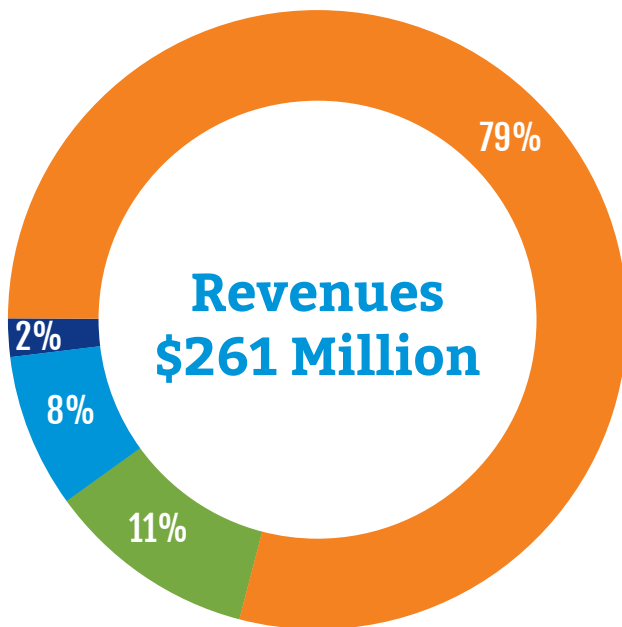
In August 2017 — with our ambitious Strategic Plan in mind — SCUSD resumed management of the District farm. Since then, The Farm has harvested over 5,000 pounds of fruits and vegetables, serving the freshly picked produce in our cafeterias.

On September 21 we hosted our inaugural fundraising dinner at The Farm, serving farm-to-table produce to community members. Funds raised will help to cover the costs of field trips to the farm.

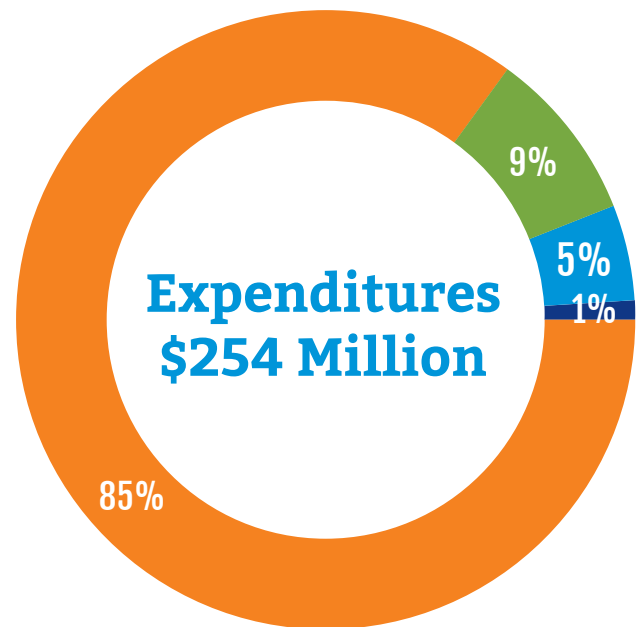
Visit us at The Farm Stand on Saturdays at 1055 Dunford Way, Sunnyvale. To learn more, including volunteer opportunities visit [www.santaclarausd.org/farm](http://www.santaclarausd.org/farm).







■ LCFF (General)
 ■ State  
■ Local
 ■ Federal



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

**2,474** Devoted employees who are constantly striving to bring out the full potential in all students. Congratulations to Classified Employee of the Year, Peggy Uyeda, Administrator of the Year, Miakje Kamstra, and Certified Employee of the Year, Julie Hall.

In the 2017-2018 school year, the College Football Playoff Foundation's Extra Yard for Teachers Program presented Hughes Elementary School teacher Jennifer Erickson and Buchser Middle School science teacher Carl Erickson with a \$10,000 Extra Yard for Teachers Award to support their students. This award highlights their hard work and creativity in engaging students in the classroom.



**84.9%** 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

### Eric Dill

Chief Business Official  
Business Services Department

Eric Dill joins SCUSD from San Dieguito Union High School District with more than 17 years of experience in California's public education system. He has served in a progression of roles, including loss control analyst, director of risk management, executive director of business services, associate superintendent of business services, and superintendent. We welcome Eric to the team and look forward to working together to "Rise Above in Silicon Valley."



# 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.

With that priority in mind, on August 7, 2018, our Board of Trustees placed a bond measure (Measure BB) on the November 2018 ballot. The bond program plan is intended to fund the highest priority items from the District's Facility Needs Summary (Winter, 2018) and reflects the District's commitment to investing in excellence across all 28 Santa Clara Unified public schools.

Excellent teaching and learning are directly related to quality school facilities—and the District has worked hard to keep schools up to date and innovative. We've introduced new STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) spaces, opened a STEAM-focused (science, technology, engineering, art, and math) elementary school, and are transforming two schools to full immersion computer science schools. But there is much more work to do to ensure all of our schools meet new and future standards. We have to upgrade all of our schools, not just a few. Our Facilities Needs Summary plan detailed our needs, and we prioritized those needs to select facility improvement projects that address our most crucial priorities.

Measure BB will ensure that our schools are safer and cleaner and that every Santa Clara Unified student gets the best possible science, technology, math, and core arts education. The total amount of the bond measure is \$720 million. Bond funds can only be spent to benefit Santa Clara Unified Schools and cannot be taken away by the state.



## 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

Our financial advisor confirms we continue to be good stewards of our community. Quality, excellent teaching and learning are 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!





# COMPLETED PROJECTS INCLUDE:

Critical facility needs such as improved air quality, air conditioning, and energy efficient lighting in more than 300 classrooms on 14 school sites.

Re-modernizing and opening Central Park Elementary School.

Additional classroom space to relieve overcrowding.

Mayne Elementary School modernization, including adding air conditioning and energy efficient windows; renovating outdated classrooms, multipurpose building, and kitchen; and renovating parking and pick-up drop-off areas.

Major physical education facility modernization at Buchser and Peterson Middle Schools, seismically reinforce main and auxiliary gymnasiums.

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

21st Century technology infrastructure, including smart, low footprint, interactive classroom projectors, and expanded wireless access.

Other districtwide critical facility needs and high priority modernization projects.



## WE'VE BROKEN GROUND ON:

The elementary, middle, and future high school on the Agnews property.

The two-story classroom building at Central Park Elementary.

Major physical education and two-story classroom building at Cabrillo Middle School.

Additional temporary classroom space.

Other districtwide critical facility needs and high priority modernization projects.



# FUTURE

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

Additional campuses, expansion, and improvements, including expanding the planned 400 student high school at the Agnews property to a full comprehensive high school for 1,600 students, and replacing portable buildings at Laurelwood Elementary and New Valley High with new schools at Patrick Henry and Monticello.

School safety projects such as upgrades to fencing and gates.

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

Other districtwide critical facility needs and high priority modernization projects for all elementary schools such as replacing old play structures and playground pavement.



## OUR DISTRICT

continues to seek community input on these critical facility needs and we encourage you to share your opinions by emailing [communications@scusd.net](mailto:communications@scusd.net) or mailing comments to Public Relations, 1889 Lawrence Road, Santa Clara, CA 95051.





SANTA CLARA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
1889 LAWRENCE ROAD  
SANTA CLARA, CA 95051

[www.santaclarausd.org](http://www.santaclarausd.org)

Non-Profit Organization  
US POSTAGE

**PAID**  
SANTA CLARA, CA  
PERMIT NO. 124

## Important Dates

**October 23, 2018** | Santa Clara Adult Education Registration | Winter

**October 10, 2018** | Measure BB Community Forum | [communications@scusd.net](mailto:communications@scusd.net)  
Don Callejon K-8 School, Multipurpose Room, 4176 Lick Mill Blvd, Santa Clara | 6-7:30 p.m.

**October 15, 2018** | Measure BB Community Forum | [communications@scusd.net](mailto:communications@scusd.net)  
Santa Clara High School Theatre, 3000 Benton Street, Santa Clara | 6-7:30 p.m.

**November 21-23, 2018** | Thanksgiving Break

**December 24, 2018-January 7, 2019** | Holiday Break

**January 2019** | Registration and Open Enrollment Opens  
Check [www.santaclarausd.org/registration](http://www.santaclarausd.org/registration) for exact dates

**January 28, 2019** | Santa Clara Adult Education Registration | Spring

**February 18-22, 2019** | Winter Break

**April 15-19, 2019** | Spring Break

**April 22, 2019** | Santa Clara Adult Education Registration | Summer

## 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 mail to Public Relations, 1889 Lawrence Road, Santa Clara, CA 95051.

**“Reading should not be presented to children as a chore, a duty. It should be offered as a gift.”** Author Kate DiCamillo

Did you know that SCUSD has a literacy initiative called Rising Readers? The FREE interactive app from Footsteps 2 Brilliance can help preschool through 3rd grade kids practice their reading skills using educational games, books, songs, and more. Find out more information and sign up at [www.santaclarausd.org/F2B](http://www.santaclarausd.org/F2B).

[www.santaclarausd.org/subscribe](http://www.santaclarausd.org/subscribe)

Follow us on social media



### Board of Trustees

Jim Canova  
Albert Gonzalez  
Jodi Muirhead  
Noelani Pearl Hunt  
Andrew Ratemann  
Mark Richardson  
Michele Ryan