Programs & Services
Providing Service and Leadership across Santa Barbara County

Santa Barbara County Education Office
Dr. Susan Salcido, County Superintendent of Schools

2018-19 School Year
Who we are

The Santa Barbara County Education Office provides service and leadership to the 20 school districts that are located within the county’s boundaries. Public school enrollment in Santa Barbara County is 69,752 students (as of 2018).

We facilitate classroom instruction and support to special populations of students, and we offer professional learning and support to teachers and administrators countywide. Finally, we provide business and information technology services to 20 school districts, one community college, one Joint Powers Agreement, and our own internal services department.

The special programs we lead reach thousands of students, parents, and community members each year. They include: Author-Go-Round • Battle of the Books • Breakfast With the Authors • Children and Family Resource Services • Children’s Creative Project • Computers for Families • County Spelling Bee • I Madonnari Italian Street Painting Festival.

Our wide range of programs and services support professional learning, leadership, and continuous improvement in our local districts and schools.
Service and Leadership

The Santa Barbara County Education Office is proud to partner with local schools and the community to support quality education for nearly 70,000 students. Those partnerships reflect a collective community belief and value in supporting our children, teachers, and schools.

The following pages describe programs that relate to the office’s three major areas of focus: our business services, our programs that serve students, and our programs that serve teachers and administrators. We offer all these programs inspired by our mission of providing service and leadership to schools and districts in Santa Barbara County.
Our mission

The mission of the Santa Barbara County Education Office is to provide service and leadership to 20 school districts, a community college, and more than 800 special needs students throughout Santa Barbara County.

It is our office mission to provide service and leadership in the areas of students, teachers, and finance.

Students:
We provide classroom instruction and support directly to special populations of students.

Teachers:
We provide valuable professional development, training, and support to teachers countywide.

Finance:
We provide critical business and data processing services to 20 school districts, one community college, one Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) and our own internal services department.

Major financial services . . .

School Business Advisory Services provides critical services to school districts in the vital areas of preparing, adopting, and revising their budgets. The department approves budgets for 20 school districts and one JPA in the county, totaling more than $955 million in 283 funds. It provides record-keeping for all district revenues and expenses, performs budget analyses, and reviews budgets and interim reports as part of the state-mandated oversight of fiscal solvency. The department annually processes more than 51,201 vendor warrants and 118,779 payroll warrants and direct deposits, and provides advice and support in areas such as payroll and retirement tax reporting, elections issues, mandated cost claims, Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF), Local Control and Accountability Plans (LCAP), and attendance accounting. The goal of these services is to reduce costs and provide high-quality services to school districts.
**Consolidated budgeted expenditures**

Our budget reflects our values. It reflects who we are and what we do. As the following charts show, 88% of our budget goes directly to programs that serve students. The remaining 12% goes to other support services.

**Major programs serving students . . .**

**Special Education** provides educational services to students with disabilities who live within the boundaries of districts with 800 or fewer pupils. It also provides services to students with low incidence, severe or profound disabilities county-wide, to students with disabilities in juvenile court schools, and to more than 500 preschool and infant children with developmental delays. Related services include speech/language instruction, orientation/mobility instruction, counseling, occupational and physical therapy, nursing services, and specialized instruction in regular, resource, or special education classrooms.

Other programs include:

**Language Enrichment Autism Program (LEAP)** provides various levels of intensive support for children on the autism spectrum who require additional skill-based instruction. Programs, instruction, and interventions benefit individual
Providing business services

Our school business advisory services staff approves district budgets, provides technical support, and monitors the districts for solvency.

The division also processes and audits payroll and vendor payments for districts throughout the county. Other support services include financial management and advisory services, legislative tracking, payroll and retirement tax reporting, and cooperative purchasing. Many of the services are mandated by the state.

The information technology services department provides microcomputer support to our employees and hosts the financial management information system for school districts.

Major programs serving students, cont’d.

student needs, working in conjunction with other community resources. The program also offers supplemental instruction to students who are transitioning to inclusion settings, based on their Individualized Education Plan (IEP) goals.

Nurses and psychologists are provided to pupils in special education programs, in juvenile court schools, and in elementary districts of 800 or fewer students. Our office serves more than 5,500 pupils with vision, hearing, and scoliosis screenings, access to Epipens for emergency use by staff and students, and other health-related services.

Juvenile Court and Community Schools provides vital educational services to incarcerated youth as well as students seeking an alternative setting in which they can be more successful.

Community School — Peter B. FitzGerald in Santa Maria serves several types of students: those who are transitioning back to district schools from court schools, having violated criminal law; offenders referred by probation or social service
Major programs serving students, cont’d.

agencies; and those students who have been expelled from school.

Residential Court Schools — Los Robles High at Los Prietos Boys Camp and Dos Puertas School at Santa Maria Juvenile Hall serve students who have violated the law and been removed from home by the court. Students live at the schools, within Probation facilities.

Career Technical Education / Regional Occupational Program (CTE/ROP) provides high quality career technical education to help students gain the skills, technical knowledge, real-world experience and the rigorous academic learning they will need for college or careers. The program serves Santa Barbara County with classes that count for high school graduation credit. Many classes count for community college credit, meet high school academic requirements, and count for UC entrance credit. All students who complete an CTE/ROP course receive a Certificate of Skills based on industry standards.
The school districts we serve

The 20 school districts in the Santa Barbara County range from Carpinteria in the southeast corner to Guadalupe and Santa Maria-Bonita in the northwest corner. The largest unified (TK-12) district in the county is Santa Barbara, with more than 15,000 students. The largest elementary district (TK-8) is Santa Maria-Bonita, with more than 17,000 students. The largest secondary district is Santa Maria High, with almost 8,000 students.

By way of comparison, the smallest unified district is Cuyama, with just 761 students. The smallest elementary district is Vista del Mar, with 75 students, and the smallest secondary district is Santa Ynez Valley Union High School District, with 944 students.

Major programs serving students, cont’d.

Educational Technology Services
The library, media collections, and online resources are available through the SBCEO Portal, sbceoportal.org.

Author-Go-Round - a week-long event that enables upper elementary and middle school students throughout the county to explore avenues of writing and illustrating with authors and illustrators of children’s books.

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Battle of the Books - a reading incentive program through which students from throughout the county test their knowledge of 30 selected books.

County Annual Spelling Bee - first place winners proceed to state elementary and junior high bees.

Math Superbowl - Students in grades 4, 5, and 6 in schools throughout south Santa Barbara County participate in a mathematics competition event that is exciting and challenging.

Mock Trial - the Santa Barbara County Mock Trial competition is designed to provide an educational
Our county’s schools

School enrollments in our county fell early in the 80’s. They rose sharply for the next 20 years and then began to decline again. These fluctuations have caused challenges for our school districts in terms of funding and services.

The good news is that our county’s high school graduation rates are above the state average. Our county has low dropout rates and high Advanced Placement qualifying rates. We have a large number of National Merit Scholars and numerous California Distinguished Schools and Blue Ribbon Schools. Our schools enjoy a high degree of local public support, as evidenced by passage of several local school bonds in recent years.

Our schools are committed to continuous improvement processes through a range of measures. With the help of LCAPs and the California School Dashboard, educators focus on issues of equity, where every student is afforded access and opportunities to achieve. We prioritize strategies for maintaining student safety and privacy in our ever-changing global society. Finally, as our schools build more inclusive environments and continue to meet the needs of students, we remain committed to fiscal responsibility in dynamic funding environments.

Our office plays an important role tending to these matters by providing services in three key areas: business services, student services, and teacher services.

Major programs serving students, cont’d.

Experience for high school students in key concepts of law, the Constitution, and the American legal system. The competition is sponsored by the SBCEO, the Santa Barbara Courthouse, and the Constitutional Rights Foundation.

Showcase of Innovative Learning - a special event designed to shine the spotlight on teachers and students who are integrating technology to learn in innovative ways.

Child Development and Early Education Programs provide valuable child care, early learning, school readiness, and health support to 5,000 eligible children from birth to 12 years, their families, community agencies, and school districts countywide.

Programs include: the California Alternative Payment Program (CAPP), which provides subsidized child care for children from birth to 12 years whose parents are working toward self-sufficiency, and for families who receive Child Protective Services or who are incapacitated; California School Age Families Education
Providing services to students

A majority of our budget goes to vital programs that directly serve students. The largest of these is our special education division. We also provide educational programs such as juvenile court and community schools, arts education, child development, homeless education, and career education programs.

Our critical special education services are provided directly to students with special needs: hearing or sight impairment; physical, emotional, or learning limitations; and children with multiple severe disabilities, including preschool and infants. In all, more than 800 students receive our services at over 250 sites. For smaller districts, our office provides school psychologists and school nurses.

Our CTE programs provide important job training for high school juniors and seniors, and out-of-school youth.

Our juvenile court and community school program provides vital academic instruction to students in Santa Maria Juvenile Hall, at Los Robles High School in Santa Barbara, and at a community school in Santa Maria.

Major programs serving students, cont’d.

(Cal-SAFE) programs, which are offered at El Camino School in Lompoc and Santa Maria High School to provide child care, parenting education, and vital support services for expectant and parenting students, enabling them to complete their education; the Child Care Food Program (CCFP) reimburses licensed Family Child Care and Trustline Providers for nutritious meals served to children receiving child care services; CalWORKs Stages 2 and 3 Child Care Services, which provide no-cost or sliding-scale child care services to families referred from the Department of Social Services; Santa Barbara County Child Care Planning Council, led by our office, which collaborates in planning, coordinating, and advocating for high quality, affordable, and accessible early care and education countywide, and Quality Counts SB Partnership. In addition, State Preschool Programs provide a three-hour, no-cost program that serves income-eligible children, three and four years old, to prepare for school readiness. Programs in Lompoc include the De Colores State Preschool Program at Clarence Ruth School, Early Steps to Learning Preschool at
El Camino, **Just for Kids State Preschool** at Arthur Hapgood School, **The Learning Place State Preschool** at Crestview School, **Los Alamos State Preschool** at Los Alamos School, **La Honda State Preschool** at La Honda School, **Young Learners Preschool** at La Cañada, and **Santa Ynez State Preschool** at College School in Santa Ynez. Also, **Baby Steps** in Lompoc at the El Camino Community Center provides part-day infant/toddler center care for qualified families.
Children’s Creative Project provides arts education programs in the visual and performing arts for more than 50,000 students in more than 80 schools throughout Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo counties. During school hours workshops are conducted by resident artists in the visual arts, dance, theater, and vocal music. Schools can choose from 140 professional touring artists who present multi-cultural assembly performances. A free annual performance is presented at a Santa Barbara venue for 4,000 elementary students.

Partners in Education operates three award-winning programs that connect business and community resources to support youth, families, educators, schools, and youth-serving nonprofits in our community.

Computers for Families bridges the digital divide by providing free refurbished computers, low-cost Internet sign-up assistance, and training to families with elementary school students in need of a home computer living in South County. Donated
Other key programs serving students, cont’d.

Computers are refurbished and upgraded with assistance from youth from Los Prietos Boys Camp, then distributed to students each fall.

Countywide Volunteer Program supports educators by recruiting, screening, and placing business and community volunteers into teacher-requested activities at school and youth-serving nonprofit sites. Santa Maria operations are run in partnership with the Santa Maria Valley YMCA.

Paid Student Internship Program helps high school students prepare for careers by providing paid job readiness workshops and internship experience with local businesses.

Transitional Youth Services (TYS), in partnership with schools, districts, and community agencies throughout the county, works to remove barriers to academic achievement for children and youth who are homeless or in foster care. By coordinating services between social service and educational agencies, as well as facilitating collaboratives, TYS works to effect systemic
Providing services to teachers

In keeping with our strong commitment to teachers, our office provides critical services and training, including important programs for staff development, training in curriculum and instruction, and valuable services to beginning teachers, as well as teacher recognition programs that help promote creative and successful practices.

Our Curriculum and Instruction division serves classroom teachers and administrators by providing high-impact teacher training, subject area workshops, curriculum support, and important resource materials. Staff development workshops cover essential components of classroom instruction.

Our educational technology services include highly useful technology demonstration and training centers in north and south county. The office also produces monthly television programming that features local educators and business/non-profit partners highlighting the great things happening in our local schools.

Teacher recognition programs help promote effective teaching by recognizing, rewarding, and networking outstanding teachers who exemplify creativity and professionalism, through programs such as Teachers Network grant awards, Teacher of the Year, Performing Arts Teacher of the Year, Distinguished New Educators, Distinguished Mentors, and other recognition programs.

Our supplemental programs are also diverse. You can see a listing in our Highlights brochure, which is also available at sbceo.org.

Other key programs serving students, cont’d.

changes to help ensure positive educational outcomes for the county’s most vulnerable student populations. TYS serves as a countywide resource for information and referrals related to the educational needs of homeless and foster youth, providing support and guidance to schools and families to ensure that students receive the services they need to achieve their educational and career goals.

Tobacco Use Prevention Education provides technical assistance and training to districts and county-operated programs on effective drug, alcohol, and tobacco prevention education, safe and drug-free schools, and leadership in coordinating school and community prevention efforts.

Children and Family Resource Services provides high quality, family-focused, strength-based services to build resilient communities throughout Santa Barbara County.
Programs include:

The Early Childhood and Family Wellness Coalition, the Collaborative for Social and Emotional Foundation for Early Learning (CSEFEL) Leadership Team, and Welcome Every Baby Family Connects (WEB FC). WEB FC is an evidence-based newborn home visitation program. WEB FC offers three to five free home visits by a registered nurse and lactation consultant.

The Health Linkages Program is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for Santa Barbara County children by initiating and strengthening the linkages between the health, safety, social services, and education communities, and the children and families they serve. Health Linkages is the umbrella organization for several countywide initiatives including: Children's Health Initiative of Santa Barbara County (CHISB); Santa Barbara County Children’s Oral Health Initiative; Health and Safety Resources for Early Childhood Education and Care Programs; and SBC Promotores Network.

Other key programs serving students, cont’d.

2017-18 grade level enrollment summary

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Programs and services of the Santa Barbara County Education Office

Curriculum and Instruction programs reflect a strong commitment to supporting educators countywide by providing high-impact learning in schools and districts to improve classroom instruction and student achievement.

Programs include:

Clear Administrative Services Credential Program (CASC) is a two-year coaching and professional learning model for those new administrators seeking to clear an administrative credential.

Educational Technology Services for teachers and administrators circulates classroom sets of popular books and DVDs. The media collections and other online resources are available through the SBCEO portal, sbceoportal.org. Customized educational technology professional development is available for schools and districts.

English Learner and Multi-Lingual Support Services provides instructional support for teachers and administrators of some 12,500

Major programs serving teachers and administrators

Recognizing professional excellence in the classroom

Teacher of the Year
Mandi de Witte
Carpinteria High School
Carpinteria Unified School District

Performing Arts Teacher of the Year
Aniela Hoffman
Arellanes Junior High School
Santa Maria-Bonita School District
excellence in the classroom

Distinguished New Educators

Pictured left to right

Katie Furden
Franklin Elementary School
Santa Barbara Unified School District

Andy Osiadacz
Dos Pueblos High School
Santa Barbara Unified School District

Jake West
Fillmore Elementary School
Lompoc Unified School District

Distinguished Mentors

Pictured left to right

Stephanie Gogonis
SYV Union High School
SYV Union High School District

Robin Ilac
Kermit McKenzie Jr. High School
Guadalupe Union School District

Toni Roberts
Santa Ynez Elementary
College School District

Programs serving teachers/administrators cont’d.

students learning English as an additional language. Our English Learner team works with teachers and districts to implement programs.

Preliminary Administrative Services Credential Program (PASC) is offered through our office for teacher leaders and aspiring administrators. The program, accredited by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CCTC), is designed to prepare leaders who can manage complex learning environments and promote equity and excellence in teaching and learning. Successful completion of the program certifies eligibility for a preliminary administrative services credential.

Teacher Programs and Support helps promote effective teaching by recognizing, rewarding, and networking outstanding teachers who are models of creativity and professionalism. It awards varying grants funded by local and national business partners relating to technology, research, innovative curriculum lessons, and philanthropy. Annual events including “Education Celebration” and “A Salute to Teachers” allow us to celebrate,
Programs and Services of the Santa Barbara County Education Office

Classified Employees of the Year

Miguel Garcia  
Maintenance, Operations and Facilities category  
Oak Valley Elementary  
Buellton Union School District

Amber Lishman  
Child Nutrition category  
Oak Valley Elementary  
Buellton Union School District

Wendy Solis  
Office and Technical category  
Oak Valley Elementary  
Buellton Union School District

John Widle  
Support Services and Security category  
Delta High School  
SMJU High School District

Christina Morelli, Jack Martinez, Jose Ochoa, and Tamara Moreno  
Transportation category  
Carpinteria Unified School District

Programs serving teachers/administrators cont’d.

Recognize, support, and network the innovative teaching practices highlighted by grant winners and awardees each year. Awards include the County Teacher of the Year, Distinguished Mentors, Distinguished New Educators, Marvin Melvin Career Technical Educator Awards, and Performing Arts Teacher of the Year.

Teacher Induction Program provides valuable professional development and individual guidance for first and second-year teachers. The program includes two years of support by experienced mentor teachers trained to support each new teacher’s Individual Induction Plan, and thus provides the pathway from a Preliminary Teaching Credential to a Clear Teaching Credential, for both general and special education teachers.

Human Resources provides a full range of employment services for both certificated and classified staff, including support and mentoring for employees throughout the county who are pursuing or renewing their professional credentials. HR applies for and administers grant programs that support teachers or those wishing...
Crystal Apple award winners

Laurel Lyle
Classified Employee
Peobody Charter School

Linda Cowen
Certificated Support
Santa Barbara Charter School

Lisa Ishikawa
Elementary Teacher
Cold Spring School

Lauren Aranguran
Secondary Teacher
Lompoc High School

Kathi Froemming
Administrator
Lompoc Unified School District

Veronique MacDonald
Classified Employee
Buellton Union School District

Dr. Michael Joseph Shaf
Certificated Support
Lompoc Unified School District

Kazan Westhoff
Elementary Teacher
Joe Nightingale Elementary

Glynda Maddaleno
Secondary Teacher
Delta High School

David Ortiz
Administrator
La Colina Jr. High School

Programs serving teachers/administrators cont’d.

to become teachers, including funding for tuition, mentorship, and student debt relief. HR also coordinates a professional network for district HR representatives to keep them apprised of legal updates, facilitates the sharing of best practices, and initiates collective efforts such as recruiting events. Through the STRS Regional Counseling Service (California State Teachers’ Retirement System), HR provides pre-retirement counseling by appointment to CalSTRS members.

Information Technology Services provides financial information system services to school districts in Santa Barbara County. Services include payroll and financial system infrastructure administration, operations, data uploads, data extraction, custom report development and design, and development of automated processes for district financial information management. The department also provides workstation support, email, and Internet access to internal SBCEO departments countywide.
Programs serving teachers/administrators
cont’d.

**Internal/Fiscal Services and Operations** serves as the business office. Major services include accounting, reporting, budget preparation and monitoring, payroll and fringe benefit services, accounts payable and receivable processing, risk management, and facilities and delivery services. The department provides record-keeping of all revenues and disbursements; preparation of multi-year budgets and cash flow projections; financial reports to the California Department of Education; accounting and budget training and assistance to program managers; purchase orders, travel claims, and supplies processing; and grounds, custodial, facilities maintenance, and delivery services.

**Communications** provides public information, reprographics, webmaster services, graphic design, photography and video production.

**Public Information and Communications** responds to community requests for information regarding public schools countywide. It also disseminates information to the media, the school districts, and the community through press releases, commentaries, newsletters, and

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### 2018-19 Countywide Student Ethnicity

- **Hispanic**: 69.3%
- **White** (not Hispanic): 23.5%
- **Filipino**: 1.1%
- **American Indian or Native American**: 0.4%
- **Asian**: 1.8%
- **Pacific Islander**: 0.1%
- **Multiple or no response**: 2.9%
- **African American**: 1%
Our numbers

The Santa Barbara County Education Office is one of 58 county offices in California. It is governed by a seven-member elected board of education that approves the annual budget and serves as an appeals board for interdistrict attendance requests and student expulsions. The county superintendent of schools, also an elected official, is a state constitutional officer with responsibilities set by state law.

TK-12 school districts ................................................................. 20
Total schools ................................................................................ 122
  Elementary schools................................................................. 74
  Junior high/middle schools .................................................. 16
  Comprehensive high schools ................................................ 11
  Public Charter Schools ........................................................ 11
  Alternative secondary schools............................................. 10

Total enrollment ........................................................................ 69,752
  North county ................................................................. 43,862
  South county ................................................................. 22,331
  Santa Ynez Valley ........................................................... 3,295
  County-run programs ....................................................... 264
  Elementary (TK-8) .......................................................... 48,972
  Secondary (9-12) .......................................................... 20,780

Teachers......................................................................................... 3,403

Programs serving teachers/administrators cont’d.

specialized publications, and produces radio commentaries that air countywide. Four television shows hosted by County Superintendent Dr. Susan Salcido explore educational issues: Talking With Teachers, Education Matters, Schools of Thought, and Local Leaders. The division also oversees the website and provides graphic design services.

Reprographics includes the office print shop and duplicating services areas, which print more than two million impressions a year, creating teaching guides, student workbooks, flyers, booklets, newsletters, forms, and letterhead for the office, for countywide programs, and for school districts. Services include the full range of black and white printing, color copying, scanning, laminating and bindery services, plus graphic artist services.
Other key programs serving teachers and administrators

**Breakfast with the Authors** — since 1952, this event provides an opportunity for educators and community members to meet informally with authors of books for children and young adults.

**School-Public Health Nurse Day** is a one-day professional development conference that brings together the health professionals who work with children and youth in the county. Physicians, clinicians, and health support service providers present to the nurses the latest information on children’s health needs, care, and resources.

Regional programs, services, and Joint Powers Agencies

**The Santa Barbara County Education Office** serves as Local Education Agency (LEA), regional agency, or participant in the following programs and joint powers agreements:

**Industry Education Councils** serve to strengthen business/school partnerships through programs such as Principal for a Day and Career Days. The two councils are Santa Barbara Partners in Education and Santa Maria Valley Industry Education Council.

**Santa Barbara County Self Insurance Program for Employees (SIPE)**, a Joint Powers Agency, is a self-insurance vehicle for workers compensation benefits that involves most school districts in Santa Barbara County.

**Self-Insured Schools of California (SISC)**, a Joint Powers Agency, provides for self-insured medical and dental benefits, and property and liability coverage. Most districts in Santa Barbara County participate in SISC.

**Special Education Local Plan Area (SELP)**, a Joint Powers Agency, governs education services for students with disabilities.
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