

Superintendent's Staff Report



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As the end of school draws near, I want to once again thank you for your positive attitudes and willingness to work together on the many challenges we have faced this busy spring. Have a great three-day weekend. -- SN

Governor Brown's May Revise

Governor Brown last week released the May Revise to his January budget proposal. The plan appears to keep the base level of funding to K-12 education the same as was proposed in January.

But under this proposal, districts are asked to provide extra money to help the state shore up CalSTRS, the teachers' pension fund. Preliminary estimates put SCUSD's share of this cost at \$2.3 million – money that would come out of our new Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) disbursement. As you know, the May Revise is another step in a long budget process. We do not expect a final budget to be approved by the Legislature until the end of June.

The May Revise also includes \$30 million statewide in one-time money to address network and infrastructure issues related to implementation of online testing. It appears there will be an application process for these funds, with money going to districts with the most critical needs. We do not anticipate receiving a tremendous amount from this pool, should it be included in a final state budget.

Superintendent Search Update

The Board of Education reviewed applications for the permanent superintendent position at its May 15 closed session and scheduled interviews for June 7 and 8. It now looks like we'll have an announcement before the end of the fiscal year.

Spring Testing Surveys

Online Smarter Balanced Assessment field testing was completed last Friday. All paper tests were completed Monday and picked up for processing today. Thank you so much for all of your support during this new and challenging assessment time. After the initial panic about this big change in assessments, we had a fairly smooth test run.

Important Dates

May 23, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Serna, Training Room A
Infinite Campus Open Forum
(Scheduling ONLY)

May 23, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Serna Center Community Rooms
Common Core Math Training
(School Teams K-2)

May 26

All Schools
Memorial Day Holiday

May 27, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Serna Parent Resource Center
Community Advisory Committee
for Special Education

May 28, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Serna Center
ELA Professional Learning (East
Area Elementary and K-8)

May 29, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Serna Center
ELA Professional Learning (Middle
Schools)

May 30, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Serna Center
ELA Professional Learning (High
Schools)

June 5, 6:30 p.m.

Serna Center
Board of Education Meeting

Although we learned a lot about our strengths and weakness, we still need more information to help us improve testing next year. When you have time, please complete one of the following surveys and let your students know about the survey for them, too.

Teacher/Proctor Survey Link

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SBACfieldtestteacherproctor>

Administrator Survey Link

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SBACfieldtestadministrator>

Student Survey Link

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SBACfieldteststudent>