ABOUT US

Thanks very much for your interest in the San Diego County Office of Education (SDCOE). Our vision is “service and leadership that maximize the success of all students.” As we move forward—working toward achieving that vision through a laser-like focus on equity, innovation, and career technical education—we recognize that we cannot do that alone.

Public education can be the primary catalyst for ensuring every student has a chance to provide a great life for themselves, but it requires the support of the community. That is why I am excited to share this report highlighting SDCOE’s mission and some of our accomplishments.

We work to provide educational opportunities and supports—not only to the schools we directly operate, but also to local school districts—so that all students, including our historically underserved students, are successful. SDCOE is there to connect the educational experience to the world of work, to guarantee all students graduate prepared for college, career, and beyond. We are working to become a leader and model for innovation so that SDCOE scales, supports, and develops new opportunities for our schools, districts, and students.

To stay up-to-date on our programs, services, and activities, visit www.sdcoe.net or follow @SanDiegoCOE on social media. If you would like to learn more on any subject that’s addressed in this report, please don’t hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

Dr. Paul Gothold
San Diego County Superintendent of Schools

The San Diego County Office of Education (SDCOE) serves our county’s most vulnerable students, and supports school leaders, teachers, and students across the county.

VISION  Service and leadership that maximize the success of all students

MISSION  The mission of SDCOE, as a world-class educational leader and trusted partner, is to transform public education and guarantee high levels of student achievement. In partnership with local school districts and the global learning community, we will research and apply innovative 21st century practices; leverage resources; develop strategic alliances; inspire powerful leadership; and provide exemplary customized services to districts, communities, and our students in all County Office-operated programs.

WE SUPPORT

500,000 Students

22,000 Teachers

783 Schools

42 School Districts

124 Charter Schools

5 Community College Districts
THE ROLE OF COUNTY OFFICES OF EDUCATION

California has a three-level system of public education, which includes the California Department of Education, county boards of education, and local school districts. Regulations, funding, and policy decisions are generally established at the state level, while the day-to-day delivery of instruction is the responsibility of the more than 1,000 school districts throughout the state. The 58 county offices of education are the intermediate level of the public education system. County offices provide a support infrastructure for local schools and districts. They also fulfill state mandates to register teacher credentials, complete employee background checks, certify school attendance records, and develop countywide programs to serve students with special needs.

THE ROLE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

The San Diego County superintendent of schools, appointed by the County Board of Education, is the chief administrative officer, employer, and developer of programs and services as authorized by state statute or determined by needs or requests. The county superintendent also provides educational leadership and administers mandated services.

The county superintendent of schools has direct oversight responsibilities for approving and assuring school district budgets, calling school district elections, and assisting with school district emergencies by providing necessary services. The superintendent is also tasked with developing a three-year Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) for the schools operated by the County Office, and reviewing and approving the LCAPs for all school districts in San Diego County.

“Thanks to my principal and my teachers for being the best. They help you a lot.... They take the time to actually get to know you.” – Student at Breaking Cycles
THE ROLE OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

The County Board of Education operates under the authority of the California Constitution, the state Legislature, California Education Code, and the State Board of Education. It has responsibility for:

- Adopting the annual County Office of Education Local Control and Accountability Plan and budget
- Adopting policies governing the operation of the board
- Acting as the appeals board for student expulsions, interdistrict transfers, and charter school petitions
- Hiring and evaluating the county superintendent and establishing the rate of compensation
- Serving as the landlord and owner of property

Through its role of long-range policy development and other critical functions, the board works with the county superintendent of schools to offer the most effective education programs and district support services. The board also encourages the involvement of families and communities, and is a vehicle for citizen access to communication about SDCOE’s programs and services.
TRUSTEE AREAS

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REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES

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$597,446,077 Revenues and Sources
- 18% $110,537,072 Local Control Funding Formula Sources
- 17% $102,285,566 Federal Revenue
- 9% $54,003,780 Fees, Contracts with Districts
- 1% $3,299,639 Interest

$571,110,501 Expenditures by Classification
- 30% $170,912,758 Contracted Services
- 18% $106,262,037 Special Funds
- 18% $102,285,566 Federal Revenue
- 9% $49,261,468 Classified Salaries
- 8% $45,455,876 Certificated Salaries
- 7% $42,463,985 Employee Benefits
- 1% $5,256,692 Books and Supplies
- 1% $6,685,045 Capital Outlay Equipment
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*Unaudited actuals

ANNUAL REPORT 2016 – 17
8,209 attendees at professional learning sessions put on by Learning and Leadership Services.

58 videos produced by Media and Communication Services, in addition to 35 webcasts and 29 on-location videos.

4,261 applications for employment received by Human Resources.

400,000 payments audited and processed by the SDCCO Payroll team to pay more than 73,000 employees across the county.

$19,067 raised by SDCCO employees through our annual United Way campaign.

33 exhibitions held by students in JCCS schools.

15 tons of scrap metal, wire, bottles, and cans recycled by SDCCO Maintenance and Operations.

29 schools received PASS AmeriCorps mentors with help from Student Support Services.

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Nearly 100 mathematics and science teachers attended a summer institute on math and science integration, developing expertise in project-based learning by working side-by-side with researchers from the Scripps Institution of Oceanography and Birch Aquarium.

August 2016
North County Academy, which serves students with mental health needs, was approved to establish a University of California-certified "a-g" course list.

September 2016
Nearly 600 educators from across the state rolled up their sleeves to tackle achievement and opportunity gaps for their students at SDCOE’s first annual Equity Symposium.

October 2016
Monarch School student members of Friday Night Live, a youth engagement and leadership program, announced the results of a year-long project on alcohol use among teens, and on perceptions about underage drinking among peers and parents.

Hundreds of San Diego County arts educators took over Balboa Park for the Arts Empower Mega Conference, a day of professional learning designed by arts educators for teachers, administrators, and others involved in the arts in San Diego County schools.

November 2016
SDCOE and California Coast Credit Union launched Warm Their Soles, a month-long campaign to collect new socks for children and teens experiencing homelessness. The campaign collected 23,500 pairs, far exceeding the original goal of 5,000.

December 2016
Seven JCCS students in the custody of County Probation competed in the Silver Strand Half Marathon, all with times under 2 hours and 30 minutes. The youths participate in a running club that gives students not only a physical outlet for stress but also meditative time to refocus and readjust attitudes that landed them in trouble.

Through a partnership between SDCOE, San Diego County, and the San Diego County Credit Union, teachers received access to the award-winning Biz Kid$ financial literacy program, which helps teachers to educate students on the basics of money and business.

January 2017
Snow days in San Diego? Six San Diego County school districts were closed due to inclement weather.

February 2017
Local media flipped for the 62,700 pancakes served each school year at Cuyamaca Outdoor School, home to the original 6th Grade Camp.

SDCOE’s second School Counselor Leadership Conference drew nearly 350 counselors and educators from elementary to high school.

March 2017
The San Diego County Board of Education unanimously passed a resolution affirming its commitment—and the San Diego County Office of Education’s commitment—to the education of all children. Our schools remain a welcoming, safe space for all students.

Pacific Trails Middle School student Yash Hande correctly spelled "spacelated" to win the 48th annual San Diego Union-Tribune Countywide Spelling Bee.

April 2017
Nearly 500 people looking for jobs as teachers or administrators connected with local school districts as part of a career fair organized by SDCOE.

May 2017
The STEM Champions Celebration wrapped up a year-long effort that provided guidance, training, and collaboration for the development of high-quality science, technology, engineering, and math programs offered before and after school.

June 2017
More than 50 experienced educators graduated from SDCOE’s Preliminary Administrative Services Credential program, a rigorous, two-year course that prepares educators for the ever-increasing challenges of school leadership.

Five San Diego County schools were recognized with Civic Learning Awards, which celebrate public schools’ efforts to engage K-12 students in civic learning and identify models that can be replicated in other schools.

SDCOE and partners kicked off the Million Letters Campaign San Diego, part of a cross-country tour to protect and preserve war-related correspondence.

Monarch School, which serves some of the region’s most vulnerable students—those experiencing homelessness—celebrated its 30th anniversary.

KEY HIGHLIGHTS
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There’s no words for the level of gratitude I have for (the parent and family liaisons), for helping my son help me be a better parent. – Juvenile Court and Community Schools parent
WHAT WE DO

Collaborate with school, industry, and community leaders to address countywide educational issues

Organize and facilitate professional learning opportunities

Provide financial oversight for school districts

Develop countywide technology initiatives

Support teachers and administrators as they earn and clear credentials

Coordinate regional services for special populations of students

Support school districts with their Local Control and Accountability Plans

Process paychecks for school employees throughout the county

Provide internet connectivity to school districts

Coordinate countywide student-safety and emergency-preparation programs

Complete background checks and fingerprinting for school employees

Operate countywide outdoor education programs