



Learn about **Schools:**

Opportunity

Support

Sustainability

Achievement

Revitalization

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OUR COMMUNITY

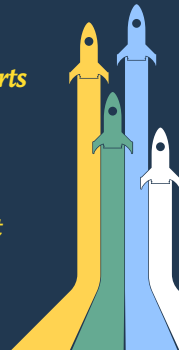
Public Schools protect property values by providing a world class education & robust community supports.

Find out how our schools support Santa Cruz!



OUR YEAR

- Expansive Student **Opportunities**
- Unmatched mental health **Supports**
- Huge strides in **Sustainability**
- Student success & **Achievement**
- Gratitude for **Community Support**
- Springboards to **College & Career**



OUR FUTURE

EMPOWERING MINDS & NURTURING HEARTS



Learn how **Santa Cruz City Schools** is driving Academic Acceleration & Personal Growth!





Santa Cruz City Schools

September, 2023

Friends & Neighbors,

I love this time of year—how a change in season both marks the beginning of a new year at school, and prompts reflection & celebrations of the old. Last year, we saw such incredible strides in academic acceleration & personal growth; and that’s the trend we are poised to continue this year.



Kris Munro
Superintendent

We’ve distilled this goal into our motto for the ‘23/’24 school year: **Empowering Minds & Nurturing Hearts**. As we start out on a year so filled with promise, I can’t help but feel so fortunate to have a community that has been so supportive and collaborative.

Our families, our neighbors & our public have done so much to guide the direction of our schools. Our community told us how important mental, social & emotional health is in our schools, and our community then supported our district to build behavioral and **mental health support** built into every classroom, every day at every school.

Our community told us how important Career & College supports are, and our community then supported us in adding academic supports, **College Guidance & Career Technical Education** opportunities across the professional spectrum.

Our community told us how important **sustainability & environmental leadership** is to them, then enthusiastically passed **Measures K&L** last year, which has allowed for the huge solar/sustainability expansions detailed in this report.

It makes such a difference to be able to not only create these wonderful spaces for the development & growth of students for you but **with** you as well. As you read through our report this year, I hope you share in our pride & recognize **we could not do any of this without you.**

With Best Regards & Gratitude,

Kris Munro
Superintendent
Santa Cruz City Schools

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“At Gault, each year is better than the last.”

ASHLEY CASTIGLIONE
Gault Parent

“B40 is a place where people can be themselves,

to have a community they can trust with their thoughts and feelings.”

AIDEN PARTEN
B40 Middle
8th Grade

“My son has had an amazing start at Bayview. His spark is back.

He loves school. He loves his teacher. As a parent I feel like I couldn’t have made a better choice for him.”

COURTNEY JONES
Bay View
Parent

“Mission Hill has provided a great transition into middle school!”

NATALIA FLECHSIG
Mission Hill Middle Parent

“Harbor High has made me more motivated

to strive for something better in my future.”

WILLIAM HERRICK
Harbor High
Senior

“Soquel High’s diverse & wondrous community has allowed me to

forge friendships & wisdom sure to last.”

ALEX POUNDS
Soquel High
Sophomore

“I just keep learning more & more at Santa Cruz High

and seeing more & more possibilities of what I want to do with my life come into view.”

CHARLOTTE
Santa Cruz High
Sophomore

“This has been a wonderful experience for my son.”

CHRISTOPHER CAMPBELL
ARK Independent Studies Parent

“It feels welcoming and engaging and refreshing and secure.”

JACQUILINE JOHNSTONE
Monarch
Parent

“Our Fourth grader LOVES DeLaveaga. She wants to arrive early every day so she can spend more time at school.”

JESSY BECKETT PARR
DeLaveaga
Parent

Your Schools are Opportunity.



Rigor.

Our Public Schools offer the widest range of **Advanced Placement & International Baccalaureate** courses. Our students follow our **college prep program** to ensure they have the widest set of options when they graduate, **and we offer accelerations and supports at every level, TK-12.** We offer AP & IB courses in:

Language & Composition / English Literature US History / US Gov. / Calculus / Chemistry / Statistics / Environmental Science / Art History Computer Science & more

Support.

Our Public Schools provide **support structures** designed to teach students to **build their own toolsets for success:** We carefully track achievement & growth to design a path that provides all students the support needed to meet their highest expectations. We support with:

Customized Academic Intervention / Individualized Progress Tracking / Professional Tutoring / Peer Tutoring / Small Group & 1-on-1 Instruction / Credit Recovery / Support Periods During & After School

"This school, is amazing"

Molly Grunes, B40

"Santa Cruz High School has only made my goals seem more possible."

Yuxuan Yan, Santa Cruz High

Connection.

Our Public Schools offer the widest range of **enrichments, activities & community ties.** *Our schools are places of vital connection between a wider range of people who reflect the richness of our diverse community.* To help all students reach their highest potential, **we offer them access to more:**

More Award-Winning Music: Marching & Jazz Bands, Concert Choir / More Student-led Theater Productions / More Athletic Opportunities / More Clubs / More Leadership Opportunities / More Hands-on Fine Arts & more

Success.

Every year, our **Public School** students regularly reach the world's most prestigious universities, following a path of success that started here in Santa Cruz. We also have graduates who take directly to the job market with the specialized skills they have learned in our **Career Technical Education** program.

With our High School district rated in the top 10% in the state, every year we see our students soar to great heights.

"I was able to get a preview of the career path i want to choose, and advance in it— all while getting college credits."

Octavio Paz, Soquel

"Having teachers who help & support your dreams has been the key to my success."

Sofia Castillo-Musante, B40

10
Campuses



6k
Students



95%
Call SCCS "A Good place to work!"



TOP 10%
of California High Schools!



Your Schools are *Mental & Emotional* Support.



Safety & Belonging

Our counseling & student support teams are embedded in student life, providing everything from open doors to campus-wide events & training.

We involve everyone on campus to give students the tools, support & safety to understand themselves and grow in **healthy development**.

At every school, we have:

- **Licensed Counseling Teams** who support students daily & guide teachers in behavioral health
- **Yearly Mental Health Screenings** (Grades 3-12).
- **Social Emotional Learning** in every classroom (TK-8).
- **Annual school connectedness** assessments, measuring how much every student feels they **belong**.
- Full-staff trainings on **positive relationship-building**.
- Full-staff trainings on the **markers of distress**.
- Campus-wide **training & education** on substance abuse, suicide prevention, sexual harassment training (Grades 6-12).

“This is such a great community. You never feel like you’re alone.”

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Natalie Blanco
Harbor High

“My son feels at home.”

”
Lillie Lazarus
SC High Parent

“It’s so good to know I have so many people in my corner.”

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Jasper Donahoe
Costanoa High

“Since my Freshman year, I’ve always felt loved.”

”
Raul Calles Escalante
Harbor High

“This is a place where people can be themselves.”

”
Aiden Parten
Branciforte Middle

“My teachers are kind & supportive & care what happens to me.”

”
Chloe Lockwood
Santa Cruz High

Your Schools are Sustainability.

We couldn’t do it without you.

Your schools have taken climate & fiscal leadership over our energy footprint **and it’s all down to your support**.

This summer saw **a serious expansion of our solar project** thanks largely to **Measures K&L** which passed with such overwhelming community support last year. **Thank you.**

And our sustainability program goes beyond carbon footprint **& into the classroom.**

Our program is used as a lens for curriculum covering understanding of waste, watersheds, climate change, resource usage, native ecosystems & more.

1,400
District Solar Panels

700,000
kWh Produced Yearly

1 Million
Lbs. CO₂ Reduced Yearly

\$9.7m Savings
Over the life of the panels

4 Electric BUSES
& more coming!

LED lights **Native plants** **H₂O reduction**

1.5x net increase trees in district

Total Greenhouse Gas reduction of 9,667 Tons is equivalent to:

480,010 gallons saved **160,189** trees preserved.

1,938 cars removed from Santa Cruz

"CTE gave me more options to think about in the career world because of how many opportunities there are."

Joshua Leon Lopez, Harbor High

"CTE classes are where I feel that students are the most trusted. The training wheels are off, and we are pushed into challenging new territories."

Logan Obrero, Soquel High

"Santa Cruz High School has only made my goals seem more possible."

Yuxuan Yan, Santa Cruz High

"I am learning a lot of valuable skills that will help me in my desired future career."

John Hefti, Soquel High

"I loved CTE classes. They exposed me to many different careers in the health field & gave me many useful skills that I could apply to other aspects of my life."

Merielle Joy Yin, Harbor High

Your Support is Game-Changing.

In California, schools' base funding leaves things like **building repairs, athletic programs, arts & music, career education, Libraries & even mental health counseling up to you. And you make the difference for thousands of students every year.**

You Repair their Schools.



SC High renovations





Harbor High gym renovation



Bay View Modernized Classrooms



B40 new face



SCCS.net BONDS



Gault new Classrooms

It's only because of your support for **Bonds (like K&L in 2022)** that we can repair leaky roofs, provide great playing fields, modernize classrooms & even build teacher housing!

You provide Art & Music.




"I love getting to learn to play music with all my friends."

Amelia Castiglione
Gault 5th Grade

Parcel Taxes provide **arts teachers, music programs, Libraries & mental health specialists** in TK-5!

Educator Housing



313 SWIFT ST
SANTA CRUZ, CA 95060

- On District-owned land (at Swift & Delaware)
- 80-100 units
- All thanks to your support of K&L
- Below-market rent for Teachers & Staff
- Helps make Santa Cruz a destination for the nation's best teachers

You Provide a path to College & Career Success.

Our expansive **Career Technical Education** program is only possible thanks to **Parcel Taxes &** overwhelming community support. CTE classes allow students to **explore professional pathways while earning College Credits**, preparing them for the widest range of options after graduation.

You help provide classes in **Biotechnology / Sustainable Agriculture / Welding / Graphic Design / IT Essentials / Floral Design / Woodworking / Bike Technology / Culinary Arts / Education / Fire Science / Auto Technology / Sports Medicine / Film / Construction / Photography / Healthcare / Medical Technology / Music Production & more**



Your Schools are Springboards.

Your Elementary Schools:

GAULT 289	BAYVIEW 364	WESTLAKE 466	DELAVEAGA 509	MONARCH 122
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Your Middle Schools:

MISSION HILL 506	BRANCIFORTE 430
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Your High Schools:

SOQUEL 1,020	HARBOR 1,038	SANTA CRUZ 1,110
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Your Alternative Schools:

COSTANOA 62	APE 109	ARK 49
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Your 2023 Graduates are Going everywhere.

University of CA

UC, Berkeley
UC, Davis
UC, Irvine
UC, Los Angeles
UC, Merced
UC, San Diego
UC, Santa Barbara
UC, Santa Cruz
UC, Riverside

California State University

Cal Poly Humboldt
Cal Poly Pomona
Cal Poly San Luis Obispo
Cal State Fullerton
Cal State Long Beach
Cal State Northridge
Chico State
CSU Monterey Bay
CSU Sacramento
San Diego State
San Francisco State
San Jose State
Sonoma State University

Out-of-State Public

Arizona State University
Barrett Honors College (ASU)
Charles University, Prague
Colorado Mesa University
Indiana University, Bloomington
Oregon State University
Portland State University
University of British Columbia
University of Colorado
University of Colorado, Boulder
University of Hawai'i, Manoa
University of New Hampshire
University of Washington
University of Wisconsin
Western Colorado University

Community & Trade Colleges

Cabrillo College
American River College
Santa Monica College
Santa Barbara City College
Hartnell College
Monterey Peninsula College

Private

Berklee College of Music
Brigham Young University
California College of the Arts
Chapman University
Columbia University
Emerson College
Emory University
Fisk University
Gonzaga University
Johnson and Wales
Lewes and Clark
Loyola Marymount
Mulgenberg College
Oberlin College
Pitzer College
Reed College
Regis University
Sarah Lawrence
Smith College
Stanford University
Tulane University
University of Denver
University of Puget Sound
University of Southern California

Your Grads are awarded.

SOQUEL FUND
AVID SCHOLARSHIP
KAILA TINDEL MEMORIAL
DIANE TRAPIN MEMORIAL
ADELANTE SCHOLARSHIP
OMEGA NU SCHOLARSHIP
SENDEROS SCHOLARSHIP
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SCHS PTA SCHOLARSHIP (X4)
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B. MITCHELL ATHLETIC SCH FD PR
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BILL DOYLE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
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GINO PANELLI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
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SLAVIC AMERICAN CULTURAL SCHOLARSHIP
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DNA ALPHA HELIX SCHOLARSHIP IN BIOTECH
NATURE 1ST FEDERATION/DINO SCOPPETTON
ETHEL M. MCDOWELL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
SANTA CRUZ HOST LIONS CLUB SCHOLARSHIP
SOQUEL HIGH SCHOOL FACULTY SCHOLARSHIP
LOUISE & HENRY PARKER SCHOLARSHIP TRUST
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CHAPMAN UNIVERSITY, PROVOSTS SCHOLARSHIP
CABRILLO ADVANCEMENT PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIP
SC FLY FISHERMEN ENVIRONMENTAL SCHOLARSHIP
MUHLENBERG COLLEGE, FILM STUDIES SCHOLARSHIP
MUHLENBERG COLLEGE, DANA SCHOLARS PROGRAM
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION
SANTA CRUZ SUNRISE ROTARY CLUB SCHOLARSHIP
HENRY & LOUISE PARKER SCHOLARSHIP (COMERICA)
JACK WEAVER MEMORIAL VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP
MARCUS KENNETH MARTIN SCHOLARSHIP (COMERICA)
MUHLENBERG COLLEGE, DANCE TALENT SCHOLARSHIP
DAVID SOUTH SOQUEL HIGH COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP
NATIVE DAUGHTERS OF THE GOLDEN WEST SCHOLARSHIP
MUHLENBERG COLLEGE, PRESIDENTIAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP
WHARF TO WHARF OTIS CHANDLER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
CHAPMAN UNIVERSITY, THURGOOD MARSHALL SCHOLARSHIP
HARBOR HIGH SCHOOL PARENT BOOSTER CLUB SCHOLARSHIP
CARDINAL CLUB ATHLETIC BOOSTERS EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS
DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION - GOOD CITIZEN AWARD
KIWANIS CLUB: KEN AND RUBY MARION SCHOLARSHIP FOR BUSINESS
KIWANIS CLUB: MAS SUGIMOTO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FOR ENGINEERING
SOQUEL HIGH CLASS OF 2015 REGENTS' UNDERGRADUATE BENEFIT SCHOLARSHIP
KIWANIS CLUB: JACK WEAVER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FOR VOCATIONAL TRAINING
KIWANIS CLUB: HERB REID MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FOR MEDIA AND COMMUNICATION
SURF CITY - SANTA CRUZ KIWANIS MELISSA SMITH MEMORIAL PERFORMING ARTS SCHOLARSHIP
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION SANTA CRUZ - BARBARA J THOMPSON SCHOLARSHIP CTE SCHOLARSHIP
SANTA CRUZ ELK SCHOLARSHIPS FOR: ENGLISH, SOCIAL STUDIES, SCIENCE, MATH, PERFORMING
ARTS, WORLD LANGUAGE, FINE ARTS, DIGITAL MEDIA, AGRICULTURE, BIOTECHNOLOGY

455 certificated teachers
392 classified supporters

CERTIFICATED SALARIES..... \$ 43,379,535
CLASSIFIED SALARIES..... \$ 17,656,961
BENEFITS..... \$ 28,809,865
BOOKS & SUPPLIES..... \$ 3,354,398
SERVICES & OP EXP..... \$ 15,670,012
CAPITAL OUTLAY..... \$ 577,688
OTHER..... \$ 17,141

TOTAL EXPENDITURE **\$ 109,465,600**

Your Community Partners:

PAJARO VALLEY PREVENTION & STUDENT ASSISTANCE (PVPASA)
SANTA CRUZ COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION DIGNITY HEALTH
PACIFIC COOKIE COMPANY PALO ALTO MEDICAL FOUNDATION
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SANTA CRUZ POLICE DEPARTMENT
YOUR FUTURE IS OUR BUSINESS
SANTA CRUZ COUNTY SHERIFF
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THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
THE DIVERSITY CENTER
CITY OF SANTA CRUZ
CABRILLO COLLEGE
UC SANTA CRUZ
SENDEROS
CSUMB

\$636,317
in scholarships

Our students are consistently well
prepared for Public University, Private
University & Professional Success.