

District Continuous Improvement & Support

April 2021

Teacher of the Year Nominations Due April 23, 2021

The Teacher of the Year Program is open to all teachers that teach Pre-kindergarten through Grade 12. Each district, through their Superintendent's office, may submit up to three candidates to SJCOE for consideration, consisting of one candidate from each grade span. Grade spans are delineated as Pre-K to Grade 5; Grades 6 through 8; and Grades 9 through 12. Each district may devise its own application and selection process to determine their candidates.

The California Department of Education requires that each candidate have a minimum of 8 years classroom teaching experience. Also, candidates cannot be retiring at the end of the 2021-2022 academic year.

Premier Community Credit Union will award four finalists with \$400 and the County Teacher of the Year will be awarded \$1000. The County Teacher of the Year and the four finalists will be honored at an awards event. The date and location is to be determined.

In the application teachers are asked to complete one cover letter form ([click here to download the application](#)), one nomination form which addresses three of the Standards for the Teaching Profession and provide two letters of support.

The deadline to submit district applications to SJCOE is Friday, April 23, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. Applications should be emailed to the attention of Brandie Moore (bmoore@sjcoe.net) or Janine Kaeslin (jkaeslin@sjcoe.net).

If you are an SJCOE employee, please remember that our nomination process begins with Christina Torres Peters (cpeters@sjcoe.net). Please contact her for the timeline to nominate within SJCOE.

SJCOE Social and Emotional Learning Community of Practice

Please join us for an afternoon of SEL with our guest presenter Keeth Matheny on April 21st 2021 from 3pm to 5:30pm. Keeth brings a wealth of knowledge in SEL and how to apply it to ourselves and practice it in our classrooms with our students. This is a free workshop for any educator within San Joaquin County thanks to the SJCOE SEL CoP. Please see the enclosed [flier](#), and sign up [here](#). If you have any questions and/or want to

be added to the listserv for the county-wide SEL CoP to know when all of our meetings and workshops will happen, please email Dr. Woodruff: rwoodruff@sjcoe.net. Thanks, and we hope to see you there!

Bright Morning's "A Taste of Coaching for Equity" Virtual Workshop - June 15, 2021

Join San Joaquin leaders as we learn strategies for coaching teams and our colleagues towards equitable outcomes for all students. For more information and the registration link, [click here](#) to access the informational flier. Spaces are limited!

Join a Summer Book Club!

San Joaquin COE 21CSLA is hosting a summer equity-centered book club from the week of June 14, 2021 to the week of July 12, 2021. Each club will meet virtually with a facilitator for about 30 minutes, every other week, for a total of three club meetings.

Choose any of the following books (no charge!) that you would like to read and to join with other leaders to discuss:

- *Cultivating Genius* (Muhammad)
- *Shattering Inequities* (La Salle & Johnson)
- *Culturally Responsive Teaching and the Brain* (Hammond)
- *Using Equity Audits to Create Equitable and Excellent Schools*(Skrla)

[Click here](#) to see the informational flier for more information and to register!

School Leaders' Guide to Create Healing Dialogue Space - Resource from San Diego COE

As students return to classes, it's important to address the historical and collective trauma everyone has experienced due to both the COVID-19 pandemic and the events that spurred the current civil rights movement. The [School Leaders Guide to Create Healing Dialogue Space](#) from SDCOE's Equity and Student Support Services teams has ways to create space and hold authentic, healing dialogue for those in your school community.

California Safe and Supportive Schools Newsletter

[Click here](#) to access WestEd's Safe and Supportive Schools Newsletter for March, 2021. In this newsletter you will find articles such as:

- Suicide Prevention Training Program for Students
- Promoting Resilience through the LCAP Process
- Building Community During Asynchronous Learning
- Trust-Building Strategies as Schools Reopen

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