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California Makes 500K More Computing Devices Available to Schools Press Release | Monday, Oct 5, 2020



SACRAMENTO — The California Department of Education has worked closely with technology companies to make available more than 500,000 more computing devices for California students in need, State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond announced.

“We cannot stop until we know we have leveled the playing field for every student in California by connecting them to the technology they need to succeed now, and in the years ahead,” Thurmond said.

“At a time when there is a worldwide shortage of devices, I want to thank these companies for prioritizing California students, and I am proud that we have been able to work together to give school districts a unique chance to equip every student in need with a computing device,” he said.

Thousands of devices will be made available within weeks as many schools either continue distance learning or transition to hybrid models that require some remote instruction.

As the 2020–2021 school year began, it became clear that worldwide disruptions to the technology supply chain created new challenges to school districts striving to fulfil their unmet computing needs, with hundreds of thousands of devices on backorder in August.

During a virtual news media briefing Wednesday, the State Superintendent said the CDE has worked directly with manufacturers and technology resellers to identify and prioritize available devices for California students. Companies working with the CDE to increase availability include ASUS, CDW, Dell, HP, Lenovo, Samsung, Staples, and Office Depot. These devices are on top of the hundreds of thousands of internet-enabled iPads prioritized for California students under a collaboration announced last month between the CDE, Apple and T-Mobile to connect up to 1 million students in need.

Schools can find regular updates on available devices on the CDE Securing Devices and Connectivity for Students web page.

Updates are sent to school districts weekly. Many devices are available for delivery now and more will be coming in the weeks and months ahead.

School districts this year received \$5.3 billion in one-time funding in the state budget for schools to strengthen distance learning.

These funds—a rare opportunity for districts to make short and long-term investments in student technology—can be used immediately for purchasing needed devices. School districts are encouraged to order devices as soon as possible since they are in high demand across the country.

As communities across California respond to and recover from the devastation of multiple wildfires, the CDE has also helped secure and distribute hundreds of computing devices, hotspots, and accessories for students in schools that are preparing to resume learning in the coming weeks. As of Tuesday, at least 36 schools and 12,000 students were known to be in evacuation zones.

The State Superintendent and the Closing the Digital Divide Task Force, which Thurmond created and co-chairs, continues to focus on identifying solutions that expand reliable internet access to low-income students and households in underserved rural communities. Building on the work of State Superintendent Thurmond’s task force, the Governor in August signed an executive order directing state agencies across government to work toward expanding broadband access and bridging the digital divide.

Since April, the task force has worked with internet service providers to secure commitments to expand discounted service to households in need, and with the California Emerging Technology Fund to address low-income service programs.

The task force also has worked with the Department of Technology, the Department of Transportation, and emerging connectivity companies to address infrastructure barriers.

The CDE worked closely with the Governor’s Office and California Public Utilities Commission to secure \$25 million in funds through the California TeleConnect Fund to subsidize service plans for hotspots loaned to students by school districts and \$5 million in California Advanced Services Fund grants to school districts for devices and hotspots.

An archived broadcast of Wednesday’s full media check-in with the State Superintendent can be viewed on the CDE’s Facebook page.

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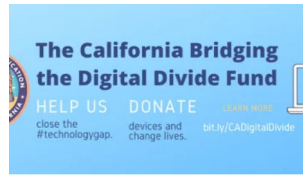
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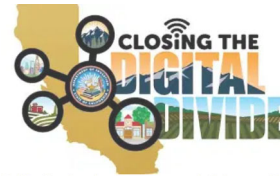
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Thursday, Aug 6, 2020

Elections in three school districts in Los Angeles County candidates running
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[Saugus High Named L.A. of the Year](#)



Thursday, Oct 1, Saugus High School teacher Jim Klip of Los Angeles County is the county's official representative (LACOE), representing the profession in the competition for
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Thursday, Sep 29 SAN FRANCISCO - The growing number of homemade fire and mass shootings in General Xavier I federal lawsuit 1 Bureau of Alcohol and Explosives is called "ghost gun requiring background verification."
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[Oct. 10-11: Bow-Wows & Meows Virtual Adoption Weekend](#)

Dogs, cats, education, training, contests and fun is what you can expect along with amazing adoptables video showcased throughout the weekend of Oct. 10-11, from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.



[SCV Water Holds Virtual Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Treatment Facility Completion](#)

SCV Water celebrated the completion of its first per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) water treatment facility during a virtual ribbon cutting Monday.



[Regal Theaters Suspending Operations Until Further Notice](#)

The parent company of Regal Theaters announced Monday the plan to suspend the operation of its movie theaters until further notice due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.



[Air Quality Advisory Issued for SCV](#)

Air quality in the Santa Clarita Valley will be unhealthy for sensitive groups/individuals Tuesday, Oct. 6, according to the South Coast Air Quality Management District forecast.



[Today in SCV History \(Oct. 6\)](#)

2000 - Movie stuntman Richard Farnsworth, 2000 Newhall Walk of Western Stars inductee, and Dr. Robert Rockwell, first COC president, die on the same day
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[Monday COVID-19 Roundup: 65th SCV Death; More L.A. County Sectors Reopening](#)

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health reported the 65th COVID-19 death in the Santa Clarita Valley on Saturday, and on Monday confirmed seven new deaths and 472 new cases of the virus countywide.



[California Makes 500K More Computing Devices Available to Schools](#)

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[L.A. County Voters Begin to Receive Mail-in Ballots](#)

Registered voters in the Santa Clarita Valley are beginning to receive their mail-in ballots for the Nov. 3 general election.



[Suspect Arrested in Newhall Fire Arson Investigation](#)

A Santa Clarita Valley Sheriff's Station deputy on patrol over the weekend recognized and arrested a suspect sought for questioning in the ongoing investigation for an alleged arson in Newhall that was reported Friday.

[West Ranch High School Seniors Hope to Increase Recycling, Raise Funds](#)

With Santa Clarita Valley recycling centers closing down amid the COVID-19 pandemic, and nonprofits in need more than ever, two West Ranch High School seniors launched a new service to increase recycling and support local donations.

[SCV Residents Help Raise Funds in Support of Alzheimer's Month](#)

Santa Clarita resident Audrey Gocha placed a blue flower pinwheel on a Valencia business center lawn Saturday morning to represent that she has Alzheimer's.



[Newsom Selects Justice Martin Jenkins for California Supreme Court](#)

Governor Gavin Newsom on Monday announced his nomination of Justice Martin Jenkins (Ret.) for Associate Justice of the California Supreme Court.





Academy Reveals Winning Nicholl Screenwriters for 2020
Five individuals have been selected as winners of the 2020 Academy Nicholl Fellowships in Screenwriting competition, the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences announced.



H2scan Names Leon White New VP of Transformer Sales, Business Development
Valencia-based H2scan, a leading provider of proven, proprietary hydrogen sensors and technologies for utilities and industrial markets, has named Leon White its new Vice President of Transformer Sales and Business Development.



Planning Commission to Once Again Discuss Bouquet Canyon Project
Santa Clarita planning commissioners are expected to conduct a public hearing and review of the proposed Bouquet Canyon Project Tuesday, regarding revisions to address traffic and aesthetic concerns raised about a 375-unit housing development on Bouquet Canyon Road.



Ten Film, TV, Commercial Productions Filming This Week in SCV
The city of Santa Clarita's Film Office has reported 10 projects filming this week in the Santa Clarita Valley



L.A. County DA Debate: Police Reform Takes Center Stage with Lacey Gascón
Candidates in the race for Los Angeles County District Attorney offered two different visions of the nation's largest prosecutor's office in a virtual DA debate on Saturday.



Grant Provides Green Light for CHP Pedestrian, Bicycle Safety Push
To help support the California Highway Patrol's year-long effort to improve pedestrian and bicycle safety, the department was awarded the California Pedestrian and Bicyclist Enforcement and Education Project VIII grant.



Today in SCV History (Oct. 5)
1970 - College of the Canyons' first on-campus classes held in portable buildings located just south of future Cougar Stadium [\[story\]](#)



Today in SCV History (Oct. 4)
1900 - Pico oil driller Alex Mentry (as in Mentryville) succumbs to typhoid fever at California Hospital in Los Angeles [\[story\]](#)



Today in SCV History (Oct. 3)
1918 - Box-office superstar William S. Hart promotes 4th series of Liberty Loan (World War I) bonds, which went on sale Sept. 28 [\[story\]](#)



Friday, COVID-19 Roundup: 64th SCV Death, 39 Local Cases, Widespread Transmission Continues
The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health on Friday confirmed 21 new deaths and 1,324 new cases of COVID-19, as Henry Mayo Newhall Hospital reported its 25th COVID-19 fatality, bringing the Santa Clarita Valley's total deaths to 64.



Small Blaze Doused off Railroad Ave. in Newhall, Possible Arsonist Sought
Firefighters quickly doused a brush fire in Newhall Friday afternoon as law enforcement officials searched for a possible arsonist in connection to the incident.



Oct. 5-9: Win Prizes During Rideshare Week in Santa Clarita
Santa Clarita residents can help keep the city green by participating in California Rideshare Week from October 5-9.



Prop J guarantees funding for San Francisco schools without increasing taxes.

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