

# MetroED News

## ADULT & CAREER-TECHNICAL EDUCATION



### MetroED Faces Big Budget Cuts

A Message from Superintendent Paul Hay

Our state legislature and Governor have finally passed a state budget designed to close an estimated state funding deficit of \$41 billion over the next 17 months. Whether or not it will fully solve the state's deficit problem remains to be seen as the recession, and state tax revenues, continue to worsen. Moreover, part of the budget package is dependent upon the state voters passing a series of ballot measures that were part of the budget "deal" crafted between the Governor and the leaders in the state legislature.

As it currently stands, the new state budget has severe and painful consequences for MetroED. The state budget cuts to current year ROCP and adult education funding is 15.38%. For 2009-10 and beyond, the cuts are 19.84% from current year budgets. The budget also includes flexibility provisions for the ROCP and Adult Education programs.

The flexibility provision suspends most of the education code requirements relating to these categorical programs, and allows districts to use the remaining funding for any educational purpose. This means that funding for these programs will be paid on a block grant basis, and districts are not required to record attendance in order to receive the funds. Interestingly, the suspension of these education code requirements will end on June 30, 2013, and all ROCP and Adult Education programs will again be required to maintain attendance data.

The current year (2008-9) impact to MetroED is a loss in revenue of about \$2.3 million for our ROCP programs and \$1.4 million for our Adult Education programs.

For 2009-10 and beyond, this means on-going revenue cuts of \$3 million per year for ROCP, and \$1.9 million per year for Adult Education.

MetroED has been preparing for state budget cuts for the last 2-3 years with position consolidations, department reorganizations, program reductions and some layoffs. As a result, we have sufficient reserves to cover the \$3.7 million in current year cuts.

The impacts to our budget for 2009-10 and beyond are more problematic. Few of us expected the  
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## Eighteen CCOC Students earn Grove Scholarships

Eighteen CCOC students will receive a Grove Foundation School-to-career Scholarship valued at up to \$4,000 to spend on tuition, books and related educational expenses.

"I'm really excited about earning this scholarship because it shows that I'm being more responsible and that I can do something on my own," **Nicole Walker** from Saratoga High School said. "In this economy, it's great to be able to lift this expense off my parents' shoulders." Nicole attends CCOC's Law enforcement program.

CCOC is one of 10 high schools in Santa Clara and Santa Cruz counties that are eligible to participate in the Grove Scholarship program. The Grove Foundation received 159 applications from eligible schools. Out of that, 74 scholarships were awarded, **Jaime Kemmer**, Program Associate for the Grove Foundation, said.

Eleven of the CCOC students who received scholarships applied through CCOC while seven other students applied through their home high school. CCOC's scholarship winners come from 12 different high schools and represent 13 CCOC programs. An additional 14 students who won a Grove Scholarship take a CCOC ROP class at their home high school.

While in college, Grove Scholars must maintain a minimum 2.5 grade point average, take a full course load, attend Grove Scholars events and program offerings, and continue their college career path.

## MetroED Welcomes New Board Member

At the December Governing Board Meeting, Santa Clara Unified School District appointed **Jim Canova** to MetroED's Governing Board for a two year term. Mr. Canova has been on the SCUSD Board since 1992 and looks forward to serving MetroED.



"It is an honor to represent SCUSD on the MetroED Board," Canova said. Canova knows firsthand the benefits that MetroED has to offer through Central County Occupational Center (CCOC) and Metropolitan Adult Education Program (MAEP).

Canova has lived in San Jose since 1986 and attended Foothill College where he studied Business Law and General Aviation. In 1989, Canova started a successful automotive detailing business.

Canova has been married for 25 years and he and his wife, Valerie are the proud parents of David, a former CCOC Animation Program student and Jacky, who is seeking a teaching career. Canova replaces outgoing Board Member **Ernie Dossa** who retired from the MetroED Board after 16 years of service.



## CCOC Students Strike Gold at SkillsUSA

Eighteen students struck Gold at the SkillsUSA Regional Competitions held over three weekends in late January and early February at various locations in the Bay Area. Another 14 earned Silver. All of those who earned a gold medal and eight of those who earned silver medals will move onto the SkillsUSA state competition in Fresno from April 23 to 26.



CCOC's Auto Tune Up & Electrical Systems instructor Edward Van Hagen with Gold Medal Winners.

Students competed in the areas of Heating & Air Conditioning (HVAC), HVAC Job Interview, HVAC Job Skill Demonstration, Diesel Technology, Computer Technology, Carpentry, Welding, Introduction to Auto Mechanics, Collision Repair, and Auto Refinishing.

This year's regional competitions were held at more sites than in the past because fewer schools are participating due to budget restraints.

HVAC instructor **John Tawney**, and Truck Mechanics & CCOC SkillsUSA Advisor **Mike Cortese** said that CCOC is fortunate that its SkillsUSA events are covered with money earned through fund-raisers such as the CCOC auto show and through money designated from a legal settlement with the Capital Auto Mall auto dealers.

## New MAEP Campbell Adult Center



Metropolitan Adult Education Program's Campbell Adult Center started off the new year by moving into a new 3,840 square foot office and an additional classroom portable building. MAEP's

new center, located just 50 feet from the old center, is a collaborative effort between the Campbell Union High School District and MetroED.

CUHSD contracted for construction of the new center and provided about half of the cost. MetroED will be reimbursing CUHSD for the rest of the cost over a period of time from Adult Ed lottery funds. The old center will be torn down sometime this year by CUHSD so that they can build a new performing arts center.

MAEP students said that the new center is more modern and more spacious. MAEP's Campbell Adult Center Assistant Principal, **Carolyn Richardson** said, "We have a quad area now with picnic tables for students to eat their lunch and relax." She

added, "Before the Campbell center was spread out, but now all five of MAEP's buildings are centrally located around the quad area." An open house is planned for later this spring.

## Creative Writing Class Creates New Published Authors

Looking for a new author? Look no further than MAEP's 50+ (Older Adult) creative writing class! In the past two years, three students have published books.

**Lynn Rogers** has been teaching the Creative Writing Class for MAEP since 1997 and in that time, has helped several students publish books. Additionally the class itself has published anthologies featuring stories and poems.

The latest book, "*Virble: Sometimes She Gits In Trouble Cuz She Fits Too Soon*," by **Virble Kathleen Mabry Yeadon** was released at the end of October 2008 and was written during Ms. Rogers' class. It is available on Amazon.com. Other new authors from Rogers' class include **Katharine Wilson's** poetry book, "*Talking to the Wall*," and **Wana Perry's** book, "*This Much I Remember*." Perry is 80+ years young.

Rogers, who recently published her 7th book, "*A Valley of Ashes*," said that while it is difficult to break into the publishing industry, many in her class are able to publish by connecting with independent publishers such as InKling Press.

Rogers said that she sees "a lot of creative potential from her students." Many students meet outside of the class in a group called Valley of Hearts Desire and that group has published an anthology. Over the years, her classes have published five anthologies of stories and poetry.

Students take field trips to readings and published authors visit the class to teach students more about the publishing industry. Rogers also teaches students how to edit and illustrate concepts.

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At its 242,000 square foot Career Technical Education Center at 760 Hillsdale Avenue in San Jose, Central County Occupational Center provides job training for students from more than 30 local high schools as well as adults from the South Bay region. Training is tuition-free or at a nominal cost in 33 career-technical fields including computer technology, health, business, manufacturing, automotive systems and service technologies.

MAEP offers programs at no tuition or at nominal cost to adults in such categories as high school diploma, adult literacy, English as a Second Language, older adults, handicapped adults, personal and professional growth.

Metropolitan Education District has an annual budget of approximately \$26 million and its staff of 575 full and part-time employees serves more than 30,000 persons each year. Classes and programs are offered at more than 70 locations throughout the community.

# PEOPLE & EVENTS

## A Blast From the Past! CCOC Marks 40 Years!

### Reprinted from the MAEP Spring Schedule, 1969.

The San Jose Regional Vocational Center, one of the first vocational schools in California, is now in operation and serving adults and high school students from the Metropolitan high school students of Campbell, East Side, Santa Clara, and San Jose. Even though the buildings are still being completed and much of the equipment remains to be received and installed, the Vocational Center is off to a good start with over 700 high school students and 270 adults enrolled in occupational programs.

Opening for the first time on September 10 of this year (1968), the recently constructed Vocational Center greatly expands vocational education opportunities for Metropolitan adult students. As soon as equipment is complete, it is estimated that up to 200 training stations will be available to adults during the day hours to prepare for jobs in a variety of occupations. Anticipated job training programs for adults include electronics, graphics and printing, drafting, coatings, technology and the metals trades including machine operator, welding and aerospace sheet metal. Programs in health services, food preparation and dry cleaning are also planned.

For persons desiring upgrading in their present position or for those in need of a skilled job, a large evening program is planned. Current night offering available are welding, electronics, offset duplicating machine operation, home health aide, paste makeup and layout,

and apprentice related instruction classes in printing and electrical maintenance. Additional programs in food preparation, dry cleaning and machining will be offered as soon as facilities and equipment become available.

Contained in five smartly designed buildings 150 feet square, the Vocational Center...brings to the Metropolitan Adult Education Program one of the finest vocational training facilities in the nation. From an aesthetic and functional standpoint, the buildings are well designed, utilizing an attractive and durable combination of brick and laminated beam type construction. Flexibility is one of the most outstanding design features of the buildings. Interior walls are of wood frame construction and non-bearing, thus allowing for future space alterations as program needs change.

Adults who attend the center will be privileged to use the very finest and latest in equipment. To insure that equipment quality meets the standards of modern technology, the San Jose Unified School District vocational coordination staff, headed by Mr. Joseph Bellenger, Assistant Superintendent of Adult and Vocational Education, consulted with advisory committees representing over 30 occupations. Committee representatives, working with vocational coordinators for over two years, assisted in both equipment selection and shop layout. As a result, the equipment being installed at the center meets all the requirements necessary for skilled jobs in today's labor market.

## CCOC Law Enforcement Class Visits Police Academy

Students in CCOC's Law Enforcement class paid a visit to the South Bay Regional Police Academy on December 12th. The class participated in the Academy's physical fitness training and the final inspection for the Academy's graduation ceremony.

CCOC Law Enforcement instructor, **Rico Sciaky** said that CCOC students get a leg up on other police academy recruits because when they go for their police academy training, they will already be familiar with how the academy operates and what is expected of them. "It gives students a boost in their confidence," Sciaky said.

The class also visited the police academy in January during its first day of session. Sciaky said the purpose of the visit is to show students the difference between police academy recruits on the first and last day of the academy. Potential police cadets must be at least 20 1/2 years old to enter the academy.

In the meantime, many students participate in CCOC's and the South Bay Academy's Explorer Post program. The Explorer post allows students to interact with local police agencies and learn skills they will need as a future police officer. "CCOC plants the seed" in students to become a future police officer," South Bay Academy Coordinator, **Randy Cardin**, said.

## Donations Benefit Classes at CCOC

Two CCOC classes recently received large donations that will directly benefit students. CCOC's Auto Body Refinishing instructor, **Nathan Chukes**, announced that the California

Auto Body Association donated \$7,500 to CCOC's Automotive Program to aid in the restoration of a 1969 Firebird.

All of CCOC's Automotive classes will be involved as the Firebird needs an engine overhaul, complete brake service, electrical, upholstery plus body and paint. Chukes said the goal is to have the restoration completed by May 15th when CCOC holds its Annual Car Show.

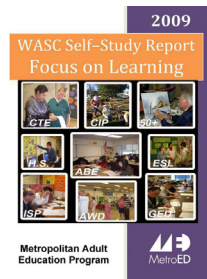
At its February 11th meeting, the Governing Board accepted an ambulance donated by Hitachi Global Storage Technologies, Inc., for use in CCOC's Fire Science/First Responder course. The ambulance is in excellent condition and will be painted to match the program's patrol brush vehicle that was donated by the City of San Jose earlier in the year.

## WASC Self-Studies Near Completion

Both CCOC and MAEP Western Association of Schools & Colleges (WASC) self-studies are almost complete.

MAEP has completed its WASC self-study and presented it to the Governing Board on February 11th. The CCOC WASC self-study is nearly complete and a draft will go to the Governing Board on March 11th.

Both CCOC and MAEP are hoping for the maximum six-year accreditation renewal. Successful WASC visits are a major goal for MetroED. WASC teams will visit MAEP March 29th through April 1st. CCOC will be evaluated by WASC from April 16th through the 23rd.



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enormity of the nearly 20% in cuts to ROCP and Adult Education funding.

At MetroED we understand the importance and value of our programs to our participating district high school students and adults in Santa Clara County. It is our commitment to solve this budget crisis in ways that allow us to continue to provide high quality programs with the least impact to our students.

A \$4.8 million cut to ongoing revenues cannot be absorbed without every part of the organization being affected. I expect there will be salary reductions, layoffs and additional program reductions. This will be a difficult time for all of us as we go through this downsizing.

The recently passed federal economic stimulus package will provide funds to states to reduce the impact of education cuts. Most of this money will go to regular K-12 education. Some may come to MetroED. Our caution is that this money is one-time, and the state cut to our revenues is permanent. We must reduce our on-going program costs.

We ask for your support and understanding during this difficult period.

**We are ALL about student success!**

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The MAEP self-study report can be viewed on the internet at <http://www.metroed.net/adultcourse.html> by clicking on the picture of the report cover. The CCOC self-study will be posted as soon as its available.

### **SB70 Grant-CCOC Skills Center Success**

As part of the SB70 automotive grant, the CCOC Skills Center aides worked with 30 automotive students to help improve their math and English skills. The students from Engine Repair and Tune-up & Electrical were recommended by their teachers and volunteered to be part of the class.

Participants were guided through a 10-week process and met in CCOC Skills Center at least two days a week for presentations and subject focused study sessions. Their hard work paid off! Students took both a pre and post test and the post test showed that on average, students improved by approximately one grade level on their English and Math skills in just 10 weeks.

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MetroED is the largest career-oriented organization comprised of high school and adult career-technical, academic and community programs. It annually provides more than 30,000 diverse students with the skills to help them be productive, income-earning and tax-paying contributors to Santa Clara County.

**WHAT COULD YOU BE?**

**40<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Open House**


**You Are Invited**

**CCOC  
Open House**  
Friday, March 27, 2009  
8:00 – 10:00 a.m.  
1:00 – 3:00 p.m.  
and  
6:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Join us for a light meal provided by our Culinary Arts and Baking & Catering classes from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

**Watch Demonstrations ★ Meet Teachers  
Learn About the Classes**

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