LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Community:

The Santa Clara County Office of Education’s (SCCOE) Head Start/Early Head Start Program has been serving low income preschool children and their families in Santa Clara and San Benito counties for over 40 years. We are committed to making a difference in the lives of children and strive to serve the most vulnerable and at-risk children and their families in our community including children who are homeless, in foster care, and with special needs.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Board of Education, the wonderful groups of parents who serve in committees and Policy Council, our staff who remained focused and motivated, our many community partners, school districts, and Regional Office (Region IX) staff for their expertise, guidance and continuous support. It takes all of us working together to provide high-quality, early learning services to children, equipping them with the foundation for lifelong learning and success.

Since Head Start opened its doors nationally in 1965, over 32 million preschoolers have been received with open arms into a supportive learning environment. Today, Head Start is recognized as a model preschool program for addressing the needs of the whole child. In every SCCOE Head Start/Early Head Start classroom we individualize the mental, social, and emotional development of each child served. Most importantly, we support the role of parents as their child’s first and most important teacher. We believe that in partnership with parents we share a common purpose: the child’s success in school and in life.

We are proud of our accomplishments and want to share them with you. Please take time to learn about the great work we are doing for children and families in Santa Clara and San Benito counties. You may access this annual report, our community assessment report, and the Head Start enrollment application at www.myheadstart.org

Thank you,

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