

Focus on Education

With all of the pressures parents are under worrying about how to prepare their children for future educational opportunities and a career that will give them a good standard of living is crucial. Yet, most parents do not clearly understand what will be required to compete for college admissions.

As the State continues to squeeze education at all levels, we must not allow our children to be in a cycle of decline. We must peruse additional recourses for our children and spend more time planning how to help them compete for future opportunities.

Luckily, we live an area that despite the budget cuts our secondary schools are now #1 in the state for a district it's size. Yet many students are feeling overwhelmed trying to keep up with high-level classes, especially in math, with huge class sizes that can reach up to 40 students.

California is in one of the worst recessions ever; everyone is tightening their budgets, which has seriously impacted access to extra remediation and alternative classes including at the community college level.

UC and CSU systems continue to raise fees and limit enrollment. Now almost 30% of young adults attending college because they recognize that education and a BA degree will give them employment skills and job training. This is putting even more pressure on the Community College system to pick up the slack.

Clearly providing additional encouragement, college planning, mentoring, tutoring, supplemental classes and other assistance to our kids will be essential in the future.

For more information on how you can assist your child or college student to be successful in mathematics call Math Support Services, Inc. SCV's resource for supplemental education. Peggy Cannistraci will be glad to answer your questions. She can be reached at 661 255 1730