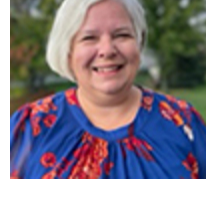


Happy 10-Year Work Anniversary, Mary Hillmann!

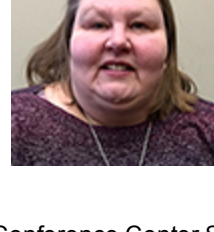
By Cassi Wanous

SCSC employee Mary Hillmann, has been a vital part of our team for 10 years. Mary coordinates and manages SCSC's student events, professional development, and school improvement services for our members. [More...](#)



"I really appreciate that every day is different in my position. I could be preparing a presentation, writing a grant proposal, or sharpening pencils — sometimes all in the same day! The best part of my job is having the honor of doing good things for kids."

Mary Hillmann



SCSC Welcomes New Employee, Tana Fladland

Tana Fladland joined the SCSC team on January 3 as General Administrative/Conference Center Support Professional. [More...](#)

Leiding named President-Elect for Minnesota School Board Association

SCSC Board Member, and Lake Crystal Wellcome Memorial School Board Member, Linda Leiding was named as the Minnesota School Boards Association's President-Elect on January 13, 2022. [More...](#)



February Events

Valentine's Day • February 14

Warm wishes for a happy Valentine's Day! We hope you celebrate it by doing all the things you love.

President's Day • February 21

A reminder that SCSC offices will be closed on February 21, in observance of President's Day.

Spotlight Award Recipients

Through the [SCSC Spotlight Member Recognition Award](#) program, SCSC shines the Spotlight on stellar employees in our region. This quarter, the Spotlight is on:

- Jason Borglum (SCSC)
- Carrie Petsinger, RN, BSN, LSN (NRHEG School District)
- Casie Reiner (Traverse des Sioux Library System)
- Kelsey Rose (SCSC)
- Laurie Sherman (Truman Public Schools)
- Jeff Skinner (Cleveland Public School)
- Dan Stork (NRHEG High School)
- Brooke Vogel (Cleveland Public School)

Read more about each honoree on our [website](#), [Facebook](#), and [LinkedIn](#) pages.

Wellness

How to Increase Energy and Motivation During Winter Workdays

By Hannah Keltgen

Struggling to get energize and motivate yourself during the winter months? You are not alone! As the days get colder and daylight is shortened, the weather disrupts the body's sleep schedule. [Learn how.](#)



ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Cooperative Purchasing

New Year's Check-up

By Cindy Ehlers

Happy New Year from Cooperative Purchasing Connection (CPC)! As you ease into Calendar Year '22 we encourage you to review your upcoming projects against our portfolio of contracts. [More...](#)



Learning Sign Language with Crista Browne-Krosch

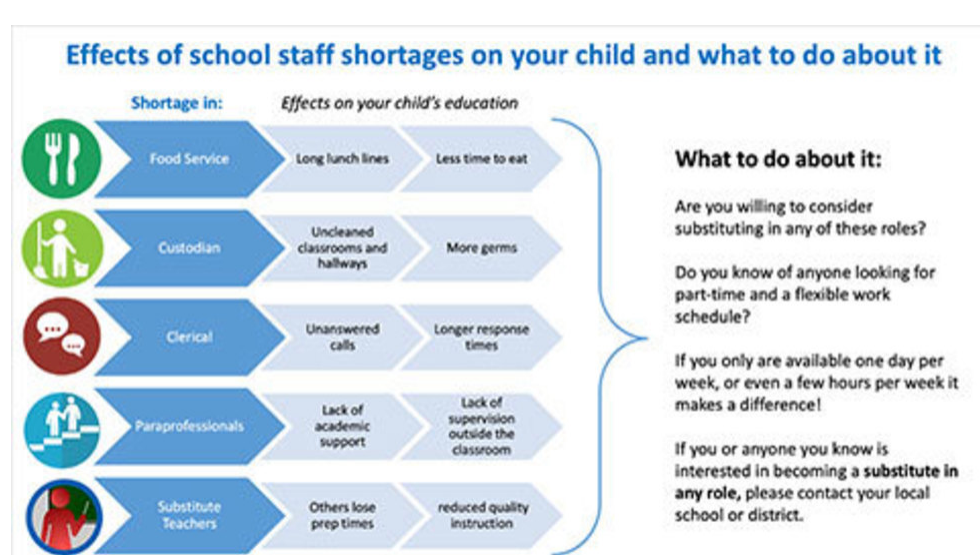
Bethany Lutheran College American Sign Language (ASL) instructor and SCSC staff member Crista Browne-Krosch was featured in a recent segment on KEYC-TV. [More...](#)

TEACHING & LEARNING

Sub Shortages

By Mary Hillmann

Many districts are struggling to fill positions daily. Dr. Bill Adams, superintendent of New London-Spicer School District, shared some ramifications of these shortages with families and his community. [More...](#)



If you would like this graphic in a format you can edit, please [email Mary Hillmann](#).

Professional Development

Are you looking to join a community of practice? Do you need CEUs or to fulfill relicensure requirements? We are here to help! [More...](#)

ParaEducator: Online Training for Professionals

The Minnesota Service Cooperatives are offering ParaEducator training at a reduced cost to schools across the state. [More...](#)

Dyslexia 101

This online five-CEU course is offered for FREE to any professional working in a Minnesota school due to the generosity of funders including The Reading Center Dyslexia Institute of Minnesota and Mayo Clinic. [More...](#)

[View PD Opportunities](#)

Career and Technical Education (CTE)

Take a tour of New Ulm's CTE Center

[Hop on a virtual tour](#) of the New Ulm Public Schools CTE Center! Opened in Fall 2021, the center has 60 students enrolled in advanced level CTE courses. [More...](#)

Center for Interactive Learning & Collaboration (CILC)

Read Around the Planet 2022 • March 1–4

CILC's [Read Around the Planet](#) is a celebration of reading using videoconference technology. It is designed to promote reading and opportunities for classroom videoconference collaborations. [More...](#)

Black History Month

For Black History Month, CILC is launching 10 virtual field trips that transcend the well-intentioned, but often one-dimensional and overly-simplified narratives of African American historical figures. [More...](#)

STUDENT PROGRAMS

Synergy Leadership Exchange

Gathering of Champions • 2022 Logo Contest

By Leah Garry

Submit your original logo design ideas for the 2022 Gathering of Champions, which will appear on the certificates of achievement, T-shirts, banners, and other materials. [More...](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Administrative Services

[Regional Technology Directors](#) • February 22

Student Programs

[SCSC Writing Contest](#) – FREE for 2021–22

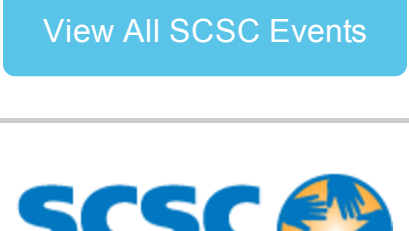
[Math Mania Tournament](#) • February 15

[SCSC Regional Spelling Bee](#) • February 22

[Young Writers & Artists Conference](#) • March 9

[Math Masters Competitions](#) for Fourth (new!), Fifth & Sixth Grade Students • March 11

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