

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY AS CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION MONTH SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION RESOLUTION No. 2274-3

WHEREAS, February is nationally recognized as Career and Technical Education (CTE) month. The purpose of this initiative is to create public awareness around the value of CTE classes and to recognize the accomplishments and achievements of said classes; and

WHEREAS, CTE classes prepare students for high-wage, high-demand careers. CTE covers many different fields, including health care, information technology, advanced manufacturing, hospitality and management, etc. CTE encompasses a variety of educational settings, from classroom learning to certification programs to work-based learning opportunities outside the classroom; and

WHEREAS, students within Santa Clara County have the opportunity to participate in CTE classes such as Advanced Manufacturing, Automotive Repair, Business Finance, Computer Science, Engineering, Multimedia Communications and Design, etc. Also available to the students of Santa Clara County is Silicon Valley Career Technical Education (SVCTE) where they can study within 11 industry sectors allowing them to explore and develop technical skills that will lead them to higher education or into the workplace; and

WHEREAS, many of the fastest-growing jobs through 2024 will be in CTE fields according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics Occupational Handbook; and

WHEREAS, the County Office of Education promotes CTE by creating opportunities for all our student populations including creating new training for students in the Special Education, Alternative Education, Migrant Education, and Opportunity Youth Academy programs; and

WHEREAS, the County Office of Education provides resources and support for CTE professional development, best practices, and grant application collaboration for Santa Clara County, Alameda County, and Region 5 CTE coordinators to ensure equitable access to high-quality CTE programs for all students in the region and across the Bay Area; and

WHEREAS, the County Office of Education is a participant in the Strong Workforce program, a multistakeholder community partnership designed to increase the number of students enrolled in CTE programs and improve program quality and student participant outcomes; and WHEREAS, the County Office of Education provides supports for districts in the region; by expanding, strengthening, and leveraging partnerships with community based organizations, funders, agencies, and other partners including local industry and community colleges throughout the region to provide college credit for CTE coursework, hands-on experiences while learning real-world skills, and exploring career options, and

WHEREAS, both the County Office of Education and the County Board of Education support opportunities to ensure that all students have access to industry-linked programs and services that enable all students to achieve their career goals and contribute to the Santa Clara County economy; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa Clara County Board of Education and County Superintendent of Schools do hereby adopt this resolution to honor the month of February as National Career and Technical Education (CTE) Month.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Santa Clara County Board of Education at a meeting held on January 13, 2021, by the following vote:

AYES: President Rossi, Vice President King, Trustees Di Salvo, Kamei, Mah, Ortiz and Chon

NOES: none ABSTAIN: none ABSENT: none

Claudia Rossi, President

Santa Clara County Board of Education

Mary Ann Dewan, Ph.D.

County Superintendent of Schools Santa Clara County Office of Education