

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY AS CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION MONTH

SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION No. 2312-2

WHEREAS, February is nationally recognized as Career and Technical Education (CTE) month. The mission and vision of this initiative are to create equitable access and opportunities that guide every student onto a college and career trajectory with a high level of employer engagement and commitment that will result in jobs with a livable wage; and

WHEREAS, healthy, sustainable, and future-ready communities require narrowing opportunity and income gaps, and aligning workforce development with broader equity and sustainability goals, and toward this end the Santa Clara County Office of Education supports strengthening and creating pathways and work-based learning opportunities that equip students to be future-ready; and

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

WHEREAS, there are 96 CTE pathways offered in Santa Clara County High Schools, students within Santa Clara County have the opportunity to participate in CTE classes such as Advanced Manufacturing, Automotive Repair, Business Finance, Computer Science, Engineering, and Multimedia Communications and Design; and

WHEREAS, the County Superintendent of Schools and the County Board of Education (SCCBOE) 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

WHEREAS, the County Office of Education's CTE team and CTE consortium utilize K12 SWP and Career Technical Education Incentive Grant (CTEIG) grant funding to expand work-based learning opportunities like job shadowing, internships, and pre-apprenticeships, grow enrollment in nontraditional CTE courses such as Information Computer Technology and Engineering, and increase early college credit in CTE pathways for all students. To facilitate this, the County Office of Education CTE program hosts and supports a growing ecosystem, and communities of practice, including educators, administrators, connectors, and industry partners, to share best practices and strengthen collaborative norms; and

WHEREAS, the County Office of Education provides support 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, through college and career, and sector-focused annual events; and

WHEREAS, the County Office of Education leverages partnerships, technical assistance, and grant resources to facilitate customized life-changing opportunities for students in Alternative Education settings, including access to dual credit, certifications, pre-apprenticeships, and traditional and nontraditional career skills; and

WHEREAS, we recognize and appreciate the contribution that Metropolitan Education District Silicon Valley CTE makes to multiple school districts across Santa Clara County, featuring 23 available CTE courses, service to approximately 2,600 diverse students per year, 12 sectors, 93% attendance rate, and a 95% completion rate.

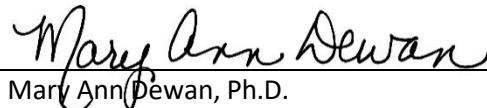
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Santa Clara County Board of Education and the County Superintendent of Schools do hereby adopt this resolution to recognize the month of February as National Career and Technical Education (CTE) Month; and

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the County Board of Education at a meeting held on January 18, 2023, by the following vote:

AYES: President Chon, Vice President Sreekrishnan, and Trustees Berta, Di Salvo, Lari, Mah, and Rocha
NOES: none
ABSTAIN: none
ABSENT: none



Victoria Chon, President
Santa Clara County Board of Education



Mary Ann Dewan, Ph.D.
County Superintendent of Schools