

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION MONTH

SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION No. 2433-1

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 (SCCOE) supports strengthening and creating pathways and work-based learning opportunities that equip students to be future-ready; and

WHEREAS, CTE classes prepare students for high-demand careers. CTE covers many different sectors, including advanced manufacturing, the arts, healthcare, 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 Santa Clara 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 SCCOE's CTE team and CTE consortium utilize grant funding and partnerships 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 SCCOE 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, through the SCCOE's Alternative Education Department, Blue Ridge High School students participate in the Laborers' International Union of North America (LIUNA) pre-apprenticeship program, providing students with 14 weeks of skills-intensive curriculum and hands-on learning in the trades to earn 12 industry-recognized certifications. Since 2018, 165 certifications have been awarded to students, assisting them to be future-ready to join the workforce; and

WHEREAS, the SCCOE 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 SCCOE 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 25 available CTE courses, service to approximately 1,215 diverse students in the 2022-23 school year across 11 sectors; now

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.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the County Board of Education at a meeting held on January 31, 2024, by the following vote:

AYES: President Berta, Vice President Rocha, and Trustees Chon, Di Salvo, Lari, Mah, and Sreekrishnan

NOES: none

ABSTAIN: none

ABSENT: none



Maimona Afzal Berta, President
Santa Clara County Board of Education



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County Superintendent of Schools