

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY AS CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION MONTH

SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION No: 2293-6

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, many of the fastest-growing jobs through 2024 will be in CTE fields according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics Occupational Handbook. Utilizing labor market information (LMI), districts build and sustain medium to high-wage, in-demand job pathways for students to obtain a livable wage career; 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. Work-Based Learning (WBL) opportunities are also available are internships, and collaborative cohorts of educators to increase best practices for building, growing and sustaining equitable CTE and College and Career Readiness including sector events, College Day, and ongoing Communities of Practice with district and site educators around CTE and College and career readiness; 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, and exploring career options; and

WHEREAS, the County Office of Education leverages partnerships and grant funding to create opportunities for all SCCOE student Alternative Education including Construction, Hospitality, and Food Services and Horticulture pathways which lead to receipt of industry-recognized certifications and dual-enrollment; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Education District (MetroED) Silicon Valley Career Technical offers courses within 11 industry sectors for Junior and Senior high school Students and have served over 1100 youth in 2020. SVCTE Leadership Development includes SkillsUSA, HOSA, and Student Ambassadors and over 10 classes offer community service hours. College and Career Readiness Outcomes data show a 94% pathway completion rate.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County Superintendent of Schools and Santa Clara County Board of Education 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 February 2, 2022, by the following vote:

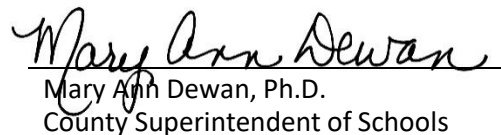
AYES: President Ortiz, Vice President Chon, Trustees Di Salvo, Mah, Rossi and Sreekrishnan

NOES: none

ABSTAIN: none

ABSENT: Trustee Kamei


Peter Ortiz, President
Santa Clara County Board of Education


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