

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND HONORING THE LUNAR NEW YEAR

**SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
RESOLUTION No. 2678-1**

WHEREAS, during January and February, countries worldwide celebrate and honor the Lunar New Year. The Lunar New Year is celebrated in China, Vietnam, Korea, Indonesia, and many other Asian countries and communities; and

WHEREAS, the Lunar New Year is an important holiday marking the year's first new moon. Each year is associated with one of the 12 animals in the Chinese zodiac. This year is recognized as the year of the horse, symbolizing adventure, vitality, and momentum; and

WHEREAS, Lunar New Year is a time to gather with family, recognize traditions, honor ancestors, celebrate the past year, and invite good luck and prosperity for the new year; and

WHEREAS, it has been celebrated in California since 1858 when early Chinese settlers shared their vibrant culture with the local community. Various communities and organizations host festivals to share and highlight an important celebration in their communities; and

WHEREAS, in Santa Clara County, people who identify as Asian are part of the largest racial or ethnic group, representing 43.3 percent of the county's 2024 population of nearly two million. According to data from the California Department of Education, in the 2024-2025 school year, 71,770 of the 231,385 students in Santa Clara County identify as being of Asian descent; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE) continues to support the Asian American and Pacific Islander community within the organization through programs such as the Asian American and Pacific Islander Educators Network (AAPIEN); 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 and honor the 2026 Lunar New Year from February 17 to February 23, as well as the contributions made by those of Asian descent; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Santa Clara County Board of Education and the County Superintendent of Schools encourage schools in Santa Clara County to honor and celebrate the Lunar New Year.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the County Board of Education at a meeting held on February 4, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES: Raeena Lari, Maimona Afzal Berta, Don Rocha, Jessica Speiser, Jorge Pacheco, Tara Sreekrishnan

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Victoria Chon



Victoria Chon, President
Santa Clara County Board of Education



Dr. David M. Toston, Sr.
County Superintendent of Schools