

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING YOUTH ARTS MONTH AND MUSIC IN OUR SCHOOLS MONTH

**SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
RESOLUTION No. 2678-4**

WHEREAS, Arts Education in California and Youth Arts Month, an annual celebration supported by the Council for Art Education, emphasize the value of art education for all children and encourage support for excellent school art programs. It provides a forum for acknowledging skills that are fostered through experience in the visual arts that are specific to learning in the arts; and

WHEREAS, March is also recognized as Music In Our Schools Month, an annual observance designated by the National Association for Music Education and the California Music Educators Association to raise awareness of the importance of music education; and

WHEREAS, each March, Youth Arts and Music In Our Schools Month is celebrated in local schools, school districts, community arts organizations, and larger communities; and

WHEREAS, studies have demonstrated that arts integration helps students build critical thinking skills, curiosity, flexibility, communication, innovation, and collaboration, which are traits required for post-secondary and workplace success; and

WHEREAS, in November 2022, Proposition 28 passed, providing approximately \$1 billion of arts funding each year to California public schools; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Clara County Office of Education's (SCCOE) county-wide initiative [Artspiration](#), continues to support arts education through professional learning opportunities, grants, advocacy, and student engagement in the five arts content areas: media arts, visual art, music, dance, and theatre; and

WHEREAS, each year, Artspiration hosts a Young Artist Showcase. Art submitted from this showcase is displayed at the SCCOE office as part of the largest curated display of student artwork in the state of California; and

WHEREAS, the SCCOE, in collaboration with our vibrant community, sponsored the third annual showcase of youth mariachi and folklórico groups from Santa Clara County schools. The fourth celebration of cultural expression and arts education will be held at the Mexican Heritage Plaza on March 20, 2026; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Santa Clara County Board of Education and the County Superintendent of Schools do hereby adopt this resolution recognizing the month of March as Youth Arts and Music In Our Schools Month, encouraging youth to express themselves in the arts, and encouraging the use of a variety of arts in the classrooms in Santa Clara County.

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

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Victoria Chon, President
Santa Clara County Board of Education

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