

**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERSHIP IN THE ASSOCIATION OF
CALIFORNIA COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION**

**SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
RESOLUTION No. 2457-7**

WHEREAS, the California Constitution establishes County Boards of Education as constitutional entities, and these boards have been integral to the state's educational system since their formation in 1860; and

WHEREAS, beyond their appellate responsibilities, County Boards of Education have been instrumental in driving educational innovation, fostering reform initiatives, ensuring the fiscal responsibility of County Offices of Education, and advancing key policy changes to benefit California's diverse student population, including its most vulnerable and underserved youth; and

WHEREAS, supporting the Association of California County Boards of Education (ACCBE) strengthens the collective ability of County Boards of Education to champion the priorities of County Offices of Education and enhances advocacy for public education across the state. By creating ACCBE as a representative organization, County Boards of Education gain a cohesive platform to voice their unique perspectives and advocate for policies that prioritize the needs of students. This collaboration ensures that these priorities are central in legislative discussions, complementing the efforts of other educational organizations to advance public schools and secure necessary funding; and

WHEREAS, County Boards of Education are committed to a proactive and future-oriented mission to serve California's children and families, particularly those who face systemic barriers and inequities; and

WHEREAS, the primary purpose of ACCBE is to support the work of California County Boards of Education, empower their members, and advocate on their behalf to enhance public education and equity for all students; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Santa Clara County Board of Education shall join the Association of California County Boards of Education as an institutional member, encouraging active participation in leadership roles within ACCBE.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Santa Clara County Board of Education and the Interim County Superintendent of Schools do hereby adopt this resolution recognizing ACCBE's value in advocating for students and advancing the mission of public education.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the County Board of Education at a meeting held on February 5,

2025, by the following vote:

AYES: Jessica Speiser, Raeena Lari, Don Rocha, Maimona Afzal Berta, Victoria Chon, Jorge Pacheco

NOES: Tara Sreekrishnan

ABSTAIN: none

ABSENT: none



Maimona Afzal Berta, President
Santa Clara County Board of
Education



Charles Hinman, Ed.D.
Interim County Superintendent of
Schools