

**RESOLUTION  
RECOGNIZING AND HONORING THE LUNAR NEW YEAR**

**SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
RESOLUTION No. 2257-1**

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

**WHEREAS**, The Lunar New Year is the most important Chinese holiday. It is defined as the first day of the first month in the traditional Chinese calendar. It has been celebrated in California since 1858 when early Chinese settlers wanted to share their culture with the local community; and

**WHEREAS**, Santa Clara County serves a diverse population of 267,224 students, of which 30.2-percent are of Asian descent; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Office of Education operates under four principles, Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Partnership; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Office of Education partners with community-based organizations, including the Asian Pacific American Leadership Institute and the Asian American Pacific Islander Educators Network Group, which meets to discuss issues and challenges related to Asian American Pacific Islander students and educators. The challenges faced by these student groups are as diverse as the student groups themselves; and

**WHEREAS**, the Santa Clara County Board of Education recognizes the Lunar New Year and supports community engagement throughout Santa Clara County; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Santa Clara County Board of Education and County Superintendent of Schools does hereby adopt this resolution to honor the Lunar New Year and recognize the tremendous contributions made by Asian-Americans.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Santa Clara County Board of Education at a meeting held on February 19, 2020, by the following vote:

AYES: President Rossi, Vice President King and Trustees Di Salvo, Kamei, Mah, Ortiz and Song

NOES: none

ABSTAIN: none

ABSENT: none



Claudia Rossi, President  
Santa Clara County Board of Education



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