

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AUTISM AWARENESS DAY AND MONTH

**SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
RESOLUTION No. 2680-2**

WHEREAS, the month of April is Autism Awareness Month and April 2 is recognized as Autism Awareness Day, bringing awareness to the immense need for equitable and diverse educational opportunities for all youth; and

WHEREAS, this recognition, founded by The Autism Society, began in 1972 and was called, “National Autistic Children’s Week”. On April 2, 2008, the United Nations recognized it as World Autism Awareness Day to raise awareness of the need to improve many facets of life to be more inclusive and equitable, specifically for people with autism spectrum disorder and other disabilities; and

WHEREAS, according to the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#), about one in every 36 children in the United States has been identified as having autism spectrum disorder. Autism spectrum disorder affects people from all socioeconomic and ethnic groups, but marginalized groups are more likely to receive a diagnosis later; and

WHEREAS, in Santa Clara County, there are resources for families with children who have autism spectrum disorder, including Parents Helping Parents, a resource for supporting and educating families of children with autism spectrum disorder; and the San Andreas Regional Center, which provides service coordination to assist families with seeking out care for their children; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE) leads the [Innovations Collaborative](#), which provides educators, parents, and community partners with training, information, and technical assistance to support the individual learning needs of students with disabilities from the early years through age 22; and

WHEREAS, the SCCOE leads the [California Collaborative for Impactful Pathways \(CCIP\)](#) with a commitment to improving outcomes for students with disabilities by building capacity and sharing practices and resources to support county offices of education and local educational agencies throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, the Innovations Collaborative WarmLine supports families, teachers, and anyone who works with children. The Warmline offers guidance and screening for youth ages 0-22, with or without disabilities, coaching, and resource finding in English, Spanish, Vietnamese, and Mandarin. In 2024, there were 3,012 calls made to the WarmLine. The most needed supports the WarmLine provided in 2024 were for behavior and autism; and

WHEREAS, the SCCOE and the Santa Clara County Board of Education (SCCBOE) support inclusive learning environments that promote strong physical and mental health outcomes for all students, including through the integration of social-emotional learning; 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 April as Autism Awareness Month and April 2 as Autism Awareness Day.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the County Board of Education at a meeting held on March 18, 2026, by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Tara Sreekrishnan



Victoria Chon, President
Santa Clara County Board of Education



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