

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

**SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
RESOLUTION No. 2680-3**

WHEREAS, April is recognized as National Child Abuse Prevention Month, a time to spotlight resources for families and community members to foster healthy relationships with children; and

WHEREAS, child maltreatment is the abuse and neglect that occurs to children under 18 years of age, which includes physical and/or emotional maltreatment, sexual abuse, neglect, negligence and commercial or other exploitation, and which results in actual or potential harm to the child's health, survival, development or dignity in the context of a relationship of responsibility, trust or power; and

WHEREAS, child abuse affects families from all backgrounds and includes emotional harm, neglect, rejection, and inappropriate behavior that leaves long-term trauma, often continuing across generations; and

WHEREAS, more than 550,000 children are known to United States authorities to be abused; and

WHEREAS, children are some of the most vulnerable members of the greater community. It's critical to keep children safe, support families, and prevent child abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, children spend a significant part of their day in the school environment and local educational agencies play a critical role in identifying and reporting suspected child abuse, with staff members, including teachers, counselors, school nurses and administrators, and all mandated reporters in education; and

WHEREAS, schools should create a safe and supportive environment where children feel comfortable sharing concerns about abuse or neglect. Schools should collaborate with community partners, such as child welfare agencies, law enforcement, and mental health providers, to ensure that abused children receive the support they need; 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 April as National Child Abuse Prevention Month, reaffirming their commitment to providing a safe and supportive educational environment, and pledge to continue raising awareness, offering resources, and fostering partnerships that prevent child abuse.

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

AYES: Raena 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