

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING NATIONAL FOSTER CARE MONTH

**SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
RESOLUTION No. 2681-2**

WHEREAS, May is National Foster Care Month, a campaign established to recognize the importance of collaborative relationships among community organizations working to support youth in foster care programs; and

WHEREAS, in California, the state with the largest foster youth population, there were 40,305 children in foster care as of fiscal year 2024.¹ Each year, approximately 20,000 youth age out of the foster care system nationwide without a permanent family; and

WHEREAS, in the 2023-2024 academic year, 260 children and youth from Santa Clara County were reported to be in foster care by the California Department of Education; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE) is committed to improving the academic and social-emotional outcomes of foster youth. The SCCOE provides services to children and youth in foster care through Foster & Homeless Youth Services (FHY) by providing assistance and training to local education agencies (LEAs); and

WHEREAS, FHY connects school districts and community partners and keeps them abreast of educational law that protects youth who are in foster care or experiencing homelessness; and

WHEREAS, FHY manages a Foster Youth Services Coordinating Program funded by the California Department of Education; and

WHEREAS, FHY continues to partner with Pivotal, a San José-based nonprofit, providing foster youth education and career support, educational coaching, and post-secondary planning for youth in foster care; and

WHEREAS, the SCCOE provides Foster Vision, a sustainable and free service to all school districts in Santa Clara County, to facilitate communication of foster youth educational status, placement changes, and improvement of services, through a collection of data from districts and public agencies; and

WHEREAS, the SCCOE co-leads the education manager program with the County of Santa Clara Social Services Agency; 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 May as National Foster Care Month and support foster youth in education in Santa Clara County.

¹ <https://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/cwodatasite/byState/california>

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the County Board of Education at a meeting held on April 1, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES: Raeena Lari, Maimona Afzal Berta, Don Rocha, Victoria Chon, Jessica Speiser, Tara Sreekrishnan

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Jorge Pacheco



Victoria Chon, President
Santa Clara County Board of Education



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