

RESOLUTION NATIONAL EDUCATION AND SHARING DAY

SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION RESOLUTION No: 2297-2

WHEREAS, April 12, 2022, is Education and Sharing Day U.S.A., an annual recognition celebrating role models, mentors, and leaders who devote themselves to the progress and success of each new generation; and

WHEREAS, the day was established in 1978 by a joint Congressional resolution, signed into law by President Jimmy Carter on April 18, 1978, coinciding with the birthday of the renowned Jewileader, Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson; and

WHEREAS, Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson dedicated his life to the cause of education, and advocated for every child to receive a quality education; and

WHEREAS, the President, Governors, State Legislators, and educational entities throughout the country acknowledge this day by sharing the value of instruction in and out of the classroom, and the impact it has on civilization; and

WHEREAS, the Association of California School Administrators (ACSA) has historically celebrated Education and Sharing Day U.S.A. in conjunction with Legislative Action Days; and

WHEREAS, during Legislative Action Days, ACSA staff provide members with guidance on current educational issues to directly lobby the legislature; and

WHEREAS, approximately 400 education leaders throughout the state have joined ACSA and brought their regional teams to Sacramento to advocate for California's 6.2 million students. This year's Legislative Action Days will be held virtually on April 4, 2022, and April 5, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the California School Boards Association hosted a virtual Legislative Action Week March 15, 2022, through March 17, 2022, where local governance leaders connected with members of the California Legislature and their staff to discuss critical issues facing California's schools; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE) is committed to improving student equity and access to high-quality education, and providing quality support to districts, schools, students, and communities; and

WHEREAS, the SCCOE Equity and Educational Progress Division works to ensure that the diverse needs of the students of Santa Clara County are met through accountability, assessment, and inclusionary practices; and

WHEREAS, through the creation of resources such as the Ways 2 Equity Playbook, the Educational Progress Division supports the SCCOE's goal to build a culture that promotes equity, inclusion and belonging, valuing every student; and

WHEREAS, additional resources provided by the SCCOE such as the My Name My Identity Toolkit designed in partnership with the National Association for Bilingual Education, further promote inclusion by bringing awareness to valuing students' cultures and languages; and

WHEREAS, Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, emphasized the value of families, schools, and religious and other civic institutions in nurturing our children; and

WHEREAS, the SCCOE recognizes that access to early education has a direct impact on student success; and

WHEREAS, in collaboration with school districts and early learning partners, the SCCOE's Steps to Success campaign seeks to raise public awareness and increase enrollment and attendance in early learning programs in Santa Clara County by working to ensure every child in the county has a strong foundation for success in life; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Board of Education and County Superintendent of Schools recognizes Education and Sharing Day U.S.A. on April 12, 2022 and supports history's greatest teachers and their foundation for meaningful education.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the County Board of Education at a meeting held on April 6, 2022, by the following vote:

AYES: President Ortiz, Vice President Chon and Trustees Di Salvo, Kamei, Mah and Sreekrishnan

NOES: none ABSTAIN: none

ABSENT: Trustee Rossi

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Santa Clara County Board of Education

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County Superintendent of Schools