

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING NATIONAL FENTANYL AWARENESS DAY

SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION No. 2461-3

WHEREAS, in 2022, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) recognized the first National Fentanyl Awareness Day, an opportunity to educate the community about the dangers of illicit fentanyl; and

WHEREAS, the fourth activation of National Fentanyl Awareness Day on April 29, 2025, brings communities and individuals together to help end this health crisis; and

WHEREAS, drug traffickers mass-produce fake or counterfeit pills to falsely market them as legitimate prescription pills and/or candy, resulting in threats to communities throughout the nation and locally; and

WHEREAS, the DEA has observed a dramatic rise in the number of counterfeit pills containing at least two milligrams of fentanyl, which is considered a deadly dose. According to the [United States Drug Enforcement Administration](#), more than 107,000 people died from drug overdose in 2023, with almost 70 percent of those deaths attributed to fentanyl; and

WHEREAS, fake or counterfeit pills have been identified in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. These fake or counterfeit pills are easily accessible and often sold on social media and e-commerce platforms, making them available to youth. Fentanyl is involved in more youth deaths than all other drug-related deaths combined; and

WHEREAS, over the last 20 years, drug-induced deaths among those 15 to 35 years of age have increased, largely driven by the increase in fentanyl drugs. Fentanyl-involved deaths are the fastest growing among 14 to 23-year-olds; and

WHEREAS, the California Departments of Public Health, Health Care Access and Information, and Justice, along with the California Health Care Foundation, established a [dashboard](#) monitoring overdoses in the state and each county; and

WHEREAS, from 2018 to now, [739 fentanyl-related deaths](#) have been recorded in Santa Clara County. In 2024, 134 opioid-related overdose deaths were recorded in Santa Clara County, 110 of which were fentanyl-related; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE) collaborates to address the dangers of fentanyl specific to youth and works with municipalities and educational organizations to share materials specific to campaigns aimed at youth; and

WHEREAS, the [SCCOE co-sponsored Senate Bill 10 \(SB 10\)](#), which prevents opioid and fentanyl poisoning, overdoses and death among California youth. The bill requires school districts, county offices of education, and charter schools to include opioid prevention and treatment in School Safety Plans; and

WHEREAS, the SCCOE has provided Narcan/Naloxone training and kits to county school staff and community members. During the 2024-25 school year, five districts were trained to order naloxone, and two districts received training about providing opioid awareness and naloxone for parents, staff, and students. Training and Narcan kits were provided to 104 parents and 121 school staff members; and

WHEREAS, students in SCCOE alternative education programs had their artwork displayed in the County of Santa Clara building during March to highlight youth voice as motivation for their peers to prevent, reduce, and stop opioid use. Displayed artwork is part of *Art to Inspire Change: Opioid Awareness Project* in partnership with Juvenile Custody Health Services; and

WHEREAS, to support student well-being, the student wellness centers in schools located across the county aid youth experiencing substance abuse; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Santa Clara County Board of Education and the Interim County Superintendent of Schools do hereby adopt this resolution to recognize April 29, 2025, as National Fentanyl Awareness Day and support the work at all levels to protect the well-being of youth.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the County Board of Education at a meeting held on April 16, 2025, by the following vote:

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

NOES: none

ABSTAIN: none

ABSENT: none



Maimona Afzal Berta, President
Santa Clara County Board of Education



Charles Hinman, Ed.D.
Interim County Superintendent of Schools