

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF MAY AS
NATIONAL ASIAN-AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH**

**SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
RESOLUTION No: 2317-3**

WHEREAS, the month of May is recognized as National Asian-American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month to honor the contributions of people who are Asian American and Pacific Islanders in the United States as designated by the United States Congress since 1992; and

WHEREAS, National Asian-American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month is celebrated in May to honor May 7, 1843, the anniversary of the immigration of the first Japanese immigrants to the United States. Additionally it honors, May 10, 1869 Chinese immigrants who played a critical role in completing the transcontinental railroad in the United States; and

WHEREAS, in Santa Clara County, Asian-Americans and Pacific Islanders are the largest ethnic group. In Santa Clara County people who are Asian-American and Pacific Islander are [30%](#) of the student population and [37%](#) of the overall population; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE) has established a partnership with the Asian Pacific American Leadership Institute and the California Association for Asian and Pacific American Islander Educator Organization (CAAPAE). Its leaders participate in the Asian-American and Pacific Islander Educators Network Group, which supports Santa Clara County educators with tools and resources to cultivate inclusive, affirming and equitable school environments for every Asian-American and Pacific Islander student, family and staff member in Santa Clara County schools; and

WHEREAS, training socially-conscious and effective civic leaders is a guiding practice of the Asian Pacific American Leadership Institute, contributing to the surrounding communities wellbeing; and

WHEREAS, the Asian Pacific American Leadership Institute was established to emphasize public service. Since its conception it has encouraged Asian Pacific American civic participation, supporting members of the Silicon Valley community in connecting with community based organizations to make an impact on local policy, housing, and education; and

WHEREAS, the AAPI Network created a toolkit for educators in grades K-12 using an asset-based approach to construct the content based on the rich local histories, experiences, wisdom, and knowledge held within the AAPI community across Santa Clara County. The AAPI Educator Toolkit has information on Asian-American and Pacific Islander student data in Santa Clara County, voices from students and community, what education means to the Pacific Islander community, and resources for healthy identity development, and opportunities to understand the culture and the community they live in; and

WHEREAS, the AAPI Network created a [toolkit](#) with the purpose of engaging educators in expanding their knowledge of the Asian-American and Pacific Islander community. The AAPI Educator Toolkit has information on Asian-American and Pacific Islander student data in Santa Clara County, information on the local geography, and what education means to the Pacific Islander community.

WHEREAS, the Santa Clara County Board of Education unanimously passed a resolution in 2020 and March 2021 denouncing xenophobia and affirming a shared commitment to the well-being and safety of Asian-American community, staff and students; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa Clara County Board of Education and Santa Clara County Superintendent of Schools recognize the month of May as National Asian-American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the County Board of Education at a meeting held on April 19, 2023, by the following vote:

AYES: President Chon, Vice President Sreekrishnan, and Trustees Berta, Di Salvo, Lari, Mah, and Rocha

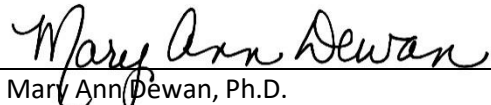
NOES: none

ABSTAIN: none

ABSENT: none



Victoria Chon, President
Santa Clara County Board of Education



Mary Ann Dewan, Ph.D.
County Superintendent of Schools