

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING NATIONAL ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH**

**SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
RESOLUTION No. 2682-1**

**WHEREAS**, the month of May is recognized as National Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month to honor the contributions of people of Asian and Pacific Islander descent in the United States. In 1992, May was designated as AAPI Heritage Month by the United States Congress; and

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

**WHEREAS**, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, the largest racial/ethnic group in Santa Clara County, comprise [39%](#) of the youth population and [40%](#) of the overall population; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2022, the Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE) 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](#) incorporates information on Asian American and Pacific Islander student data in Santa Clara County, student and community voices, the value of education to the AAPI community, resources for healthy identity development, and opportunities to understand the culture and the community students live in; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2025, the SCCOE created the [AAPI School Site Recognition Toolkit](#) to provide schools with a yearlong, low-lift resource designed to help school sites celebrate, elevate, and educate around the contributions of Asian American and Pacific Islander communities; now

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Santa Clara County Board of Education and the County Superintendent of Schools do hereby adopt this resolution recognizing May as National AAPI Heritage Month.


**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the County Board of Education at a meeting held on April 22, 2026, by the following vote:


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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Don Rocha

  
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Victoria Chon, President  
Santa Clara County Board of Education

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