

RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE CONSTRUCTION OR OPERATION OF AN IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT (ICE) DETENTION CENTER IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY

**SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
RESOLUTION No. 2686-2**

WHEREAS, the Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE) is committed to serving, inspiring, and promoting student and public school success for all through leadership, advocacy, and support; and

WHEREAS, SCCOE serves and supports a diverse population of students and families across Santa Clara County, including immigrant, multilingual, and mixed-status families whose contributions enrich the region's cultural, social, and economic vitality; and

WHEREAS, student success is directly connected to safe, stable, and supportive environments where students and families can access education and essential services without fear; and

WHEREAS, research and lived experience show that the threat or presence of immigration detention and enforcement activity can lead to trauma, anxiety, chronic stress, absenteeism, and disengagement from school. Such impacts can undermine educational outcomes, family engagement, student wellness, and trust in public institutions; and

WHEREAS, the presence of an ICE detention facility in Santa Clara County could negatively affect student attendance, mental health, academic achievement, and the overall sense of safety and belonging necessary for learning; and

WHEREAS, while immigration enforcement policy is determined at the federal level, the Santa Clara County Board of Education (SCCBOE) may appropriately express concern regarding local impacts on students, families, and educational environments; and

WHEREAS, California law affirms the importance of protecting student access to education, safeguarding educational records, and maintaining safe and welcoming school environments for all students regardless of immigration status; and

WHEREAS, the SCCBOE recognizes its responsibility to advocate for policies and conditions that support the educational success, safety, and well-being of all students in Santa Clara County; and

WHEREAS, public investments and community development efforts should prioritize education, housing stability, health care access, youth development, and community-based supports that strengthen families and student outcomes; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Santa Clara County Board of Education and the County Superintendent of Schools do hereby adopt this resolution formally opposing the construction, expansion, or operation of any Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detention facility within Santa Clara County due to the anticipated negative impacts on student well-being, school climate, and access to education; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Santa Clara County Board of Education reaffirms its commitment to ensuring that all students have access to safe, inclusive, and supportive learning environments.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the County Board of Education at a meeting held on June 10, 2026, by the following vote:

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

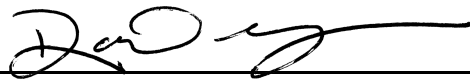
NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Maimona Afzal Berta, Jorge Pacheco



Victoria Chon, President
Santa Clara County Board of Education



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