

**RESOLUTION
RECOGNIZING LESBIAN, GAY, TRANSGENDER, QUEER (LGBTQ) PRIDE MONTH**

**SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
RESOLUTION No. 2224-1**

WHEREAS, June is a time to celebrate our dynamic LGBTQ community, raise awareness of quality services, and foster a dialogue to promote a healthy, safe, and prosperous school climates and communities for all; and

WHEREAS, California state law addresses discrimination, harassment, intimidation, and bullying towards LGBTQ youth, there have been numerous studies indicating the inequities experienced by the LGBTQ community, including poverty, homelessness, school harassment, physical assault, domestic violence, hate crimes, mental health issues, and substance abuse concerns; and

WHEREAS, bullying in schools is a serious matter that impacts student health and safety, and aims to develop engaged students, healthy families, safe schools, and strong communities; and

WHEREAS, in the 2017 Project Cornerstone data report 2,426 Santa Clara County students identified as LGBTQ (7%) and were 3 times more likely to attempt suicide, 1.5 times more likely to abuse drugs and alcohol, and only 11% felt valued by the community; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to focus on localized efforts that support LGBTQ youth including student and school resources that focus on positive behavioral interventions and support, resources on school climate that address bullying and parent engagement, as well as tools for student health and wellness; and

WHEREAS, through interagency collaborations, the Santa Clara County School Climate Leadership Team and Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE) Safe and Healthy Schools program is working to cultivate positive and safe school environments to empower youth with confidence and knowledge to successfully navigate and improve the ever-changing world; and

WHEREAS, these partnerships have led to powerful events, workshops and activities such as:

- In January, the Best Practices for Sexuality Education Implementation workshop was held to promote the California Healthy Youth Act in Santa Clara County. Classroom instruction and materials affirmatively recognize that people have different sexual orientations and, when discussing or providing examples of relationships and couples, it will be inclusive of same-sex relationships.
- The Gender - Sexuality Alliance (GSA) at Overfelt and Piedmont High School held the first countywide Queer Prom on May 4, 2018. About 200 students from various schools throughout Santa Clara County joined in celebration at the Mexican Heritage Plaza in San Jose.

- Stronger Communities: LGBTQ+ Suicide Prevention - This conference, which will be held June 15, is focused on making LGBTQ+ mental health and suicide prevention education a community priority.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Santa Clara County Board of Education and County Superintendent proclaim June as LGBTQ Month to inspire equity, create alliances, celebrate diversity, and establish safe environments in our schools and communities throughout the county.

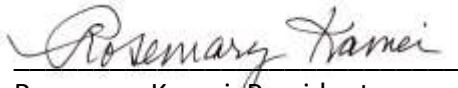
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Santa Clara County Board of Education at a meeting held on June 13, 2018, by the following vote:

AYES: President Kamei and members Di Salvo, Green, King, Rossi, Mah and Song

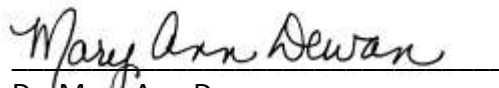
NOES: --none--

ABSTAIN: --none--

ABSENT: --none--



Rosemary Kamei, President
Santa Clara County Board of Education



Dr. Mary Ann Dewan
County Superintendent of Schools