Santa Clara County ⚘ Office of Education

RESOLUTION
AFFIRMING SUPPORT FOR AB 605 – DAY CARE CENTERS: BIRTH TO FIRST GRADE LICENSE OPTION

SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
RESOLUTION No. 2204-4

WHEREAS, AB 605 would create a third licensing option for early learning providers to serve children from birth to first grade; and

WHEREAS, this option would be in addition to infant license, preschool license, and toddler component option; and

WHEREAS, providing a birth to first grade license option would simplify the development and operation of birth to first grade centers, reduce the burden on licensing analysts, improve program quality by facilitating a "continuity of care", and bring California in line with the vast majority of other state's licensing processes; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Clara County Office of Education experienced the difficulties of establishing a multi-age child care facility when Educare of Silicon Valley opened in 2015; and

WHEREAS, approximately 20% of centers in Santa Clara County have both infant-toddler and preschool programs and applying for multiple licenses puts an administrative and financial burden on operators; and

WHEREAS, giving providers the option of an integrated license would allow providers the ability to better manage their school year enrollment so that their facility can reach maximum utilization, thus serving more children and families and encourage more infant care by reducing cost and other barriers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa Clara County Board of Education and County Superintendent of Schools does hereby adopt this resolution to affirm support for AB 605 – Day Care Centers: Birth to First Grade License Option.
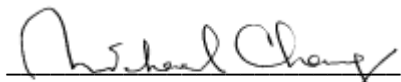
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Santa Clara County Board of Education at a meeting held on June 14, 2017, by the following vote:

AYES: President Chang, Vice President Kamei, members Rossi, Green, and Mah
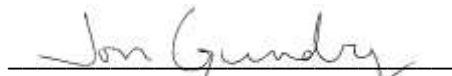NOES: -none-
ABSTAIN: -none-
ABSENT: members Di Salvo and Song

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Dr. Michael Chang, President   Jon R. Gundry
Santa Clara County Board of Education   County Superintendent of Schools