

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING NATIONAL IMMUNIZATION AWARENESS MONTH

**SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
RESOLUTION No. 2444-2**

WHEREAS, the month of August is National Immunization Awareness Month, an annual observance highlighting the importance of children receiving recommended vaccines throughout life, and receiving required vaccines as they enter the public school system; and

WHEREAS, immunizations protect against serious diseases such as whooping cough, cancers caused by human papillomavirus (HPV), pneumonia, and the coronavirus. Vaccination information, including the appropriate immunizations by age level, can be found on the [Center for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#) website; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) encourages not delaying getting care for any health condition including vaccinations, well-child checkups, and vision and dental appointments; and

WHEREAS, many students begin their school year in August, the [CDC](#) encourages families and caregivers to use this time as a reminder to ensure that all immunizations, physicals, and vision and dental health checkups are up-to-date so children are “school-ready;” and

WHEREAS, by the time a student is [school-aged \(4-6 years old\)](#), the CDC recommends the following immunizations: [Hepatitis A](#) (2nd dose); [Hepatitis B](#) (3rd dose); [Diphtheria, Tetanus, and whooping cough](#) (pertussis) (DTaP) (5th dose); [Polio \(IPV\)](#) (4th dose); [Measles, mumps, and rubella](#) (MMR) (2nd dose); [Chickenpox](#) (Varicella) (2nd dose); [Influenza \(Flu\)](#) (every year); [COVID-19](#) (two or three-dose primary series and booster); and

WHEREAS, the CDPH recommends that families and caregivers start with their healthcare provider and/or local pharmacy when seeking immunizations. County Social Services and community health centers are also available options. The County of Santa Clara Public Health Department (SCCPHD) has a [Find a Clinic Tool](#) available on its website; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE) advocates for the physical and mental well-being of all students, families, and staff; and

WHEREAS, in partnership with the SCCPHD, the SCCOE distributes materials informing families about the timeline of immunizations according to a child’s age. A piece of the SCCOE’s [Steps to Success](#) initiative builds awareness about required and recommended immunizations needed for children entering public school, and young children entering early learning programs, and/or childcare programs; and

WHEREAS, the SCCOE acknowledges the importance of continuing to take care of one’s health and medical conditions and the CDC acknowledges that the academic success of youth is strongly linked with their health, and is one way to predict adult health outcomes; and

WHEREAS, the SCCOE and the CDC recognize the critical role schools play in promoting the health and safety of young people and helping them establish lifelong healthy behaviors; and

WHEREAS, the [Bill of Rights for Children and Young Adults for Santa Clara County](#) states that all children and young adults have the right to *affordable, timely, and quality mental and physical healthcare that they can access at any time*; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Santa Clara County Board of Education and County Superintendent of Schools do hereby adopt this resolution recognizing the month of August as National Immunization Awareness Month.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the County Board of Education at a meeting held on July 17, 2024, by the following vote:

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

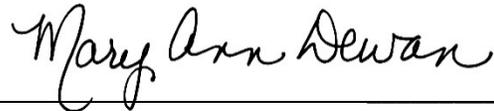
NOES: none

ABSTAIN: none

ABSENT: none



Maimona Afzal Berta, President
Santa Clara County Board of Education



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