Santa Clara County Office of Education

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING NATIONAL IMMUNIZATION AWARENESS MONTH

SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
RESOLUTION No. 2303-2

WHEREAS, the month of August is National Immunization Awareness Month (NIAM); and,

WHEREAS, this annual observance highlights the importance of getting recommended vaccines throughout your life as well as being "school ready" with up-to-date vaccines; and,

WHEREAS, on-time immunizations protect against serious diseases such as whooping cough, cancers caused by 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, in the past two years many children have missed check-ups and have not received recommended childhood vaccinations; and

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

WHEREAS, many students begin their school year in August, the CDC encourages parents and caregivers to use this time as a reminder to ensure that all immunizations, physicals, and dental health checkups are up-to-date; 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); 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 Immunization Program is located at 976 Lenzen Avenue, Suite 1100 in San Jose; 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, the SCCOE acknowledges the importance of continuing to take care of your health and medical conditions, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic; and,

WHEREAS, throughout the past two years the SCCOE has partnered with Safeway and the County of Santa Clara Public Health Department to provide vaccination clinics for the community; and

WHEREAS, the CDC acknowledges that the academic success of America's 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, with the global health pandemic still prevalent, the SCCOE remains committed to its partnerships to provide free COVID-19 testing and vaccinations for those who meet the age requirement. Vaccines are currently available for individuals aged 6 months and older. COVID-19 vaccinations continue to play a vital role in schools providing safe, in-person instruction. For more information regarding COVID-19 immunizations and vaccination site locations, please visit www.sccfreevax.org; now,
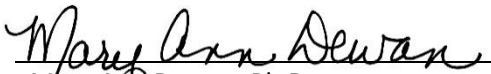
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Santa Clara County Board of Education and County Superintendent of Schools recognizes the month of August as National Immunization Awareness Month.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the County Board of Education at a meeting held on July 20, 2022, by the following vote:

AYES: President Ortiz, Vice President Chon and Trustees Di Salvo, Kamei, Mah, Rossi, and Sreekrishnan
NOES: none
ABSTAIN: none
ABSENT: none

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Peter Ortiz, President   Mary Ann Dewan, Ph.D.
Santa Clara County Board of Education   County Superintendent of Schools