

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING NATIONAL IMMUNIZATION AWARENESS MONTH

SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION No. 2285-1

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; 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, many students begin their school year in the month of 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: [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 California Department of Public Health (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, the CDPH encourages not delaying getting care for any health condition including vaccinations, well-child checkups, and dental appointments; 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 both free COVID-19 testing and vaccinations for those who meet the age requirement. Vaccines are currently available for individuals 12 and older. COVID-19 vaccinations continue to play a key role in schools being able to provide 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, that the Santa Clara County Board of Education and the County Superintendent of Schools recognizes the month of August as National Immunization Awareness Month.

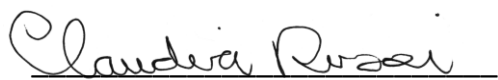
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Santa Clara County Board of Education at a meeting held on July 21, 2021, by the following vote:

AYES: President Rossi, Vice President Ortiz, Trustees Chon, Di Salvo, Kamei, and Mah

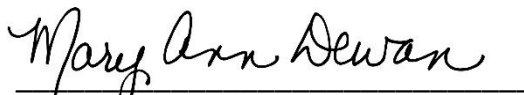
NOES: none

ABSTAIN: none

ABSENT: none



Claudia Rossi, President
Santa Clara County Board of Education



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