

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AUGUST 31 AS INTERNATIONAL OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY

**SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
RESOLUTION No. 2323-1**

WHEREAS, August 31st is internationally observed as Overdose Awareness Day, a time to remember those that have lost their lives to the drug overdose epidemic; and

WHEREAS, the Whitehouse in a 2023 proclamation called upon the nation *to raise awareness of substance use disorder to combat stigmatization, to promote treatment and celebrate recovery, and to strengthen our collective efforts to prevent overdose deaths*; and

WHEREAS, over the last 20 years, drug-induced deaths among those 15 to 35 years of age have increased six-fold, largely driven by the increase in fentanyl. Fentanyl-involved deaths are the fastest growing among 14 to 23-year-olds; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, there were over 93,000 drug overdose deaths with the majority related to fentanyl and other synthetic opioids; and

WHEREAS, drug overdoses are now the leading cause of injury-related deaths. Almost twice as many people die from drug overdose than are killed in car accidents; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, 154 opioid-related overdose deaths were recorded in Santa Clara County, 31 of which were youth aged 15-24, and 11 ages 10-19; and

WHEREAS, the Biden Administration has made the historic investment of \$42.5 billion in National Drug Control Program Agencies to support the *National Drug Control Strategy* in the expansion of evidence-based prevention, treatment, harm reduction, and recovery support services; and

WHEREAS, Santa Clara County's Fentanyl Working Group is a model for county working groups throughout the state. The county working group includes the Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE), the Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office, Santa Clara County Opioid Overdose Prevention Project (SCCOOPP), the Santa Clara County Behavioral Health Service and other partners; and

WHEREAS, the SCCOE collaborates to address the dangers of fentanyl specific to youth and works with municipalities and educational organizations to share collateral specific to campaigns aimed at youth; and

WHEREAS, the SCCOE has provided Narcan/Naloxone training and kits to school staff and community members throughout the county. A [Naloxone Training Resource Guide](#) has been developed and made available while nearly 1,300 Narcan/Naloxone kits were distributed through 43 distribution events; and

WHEREAS, to support student well-being, student wellness centers in schools located across the county aid youth experiencing substance use and abuse and support wellness and prevention efforts; and

WHEREAS, to find out more about Santa Clara County Substance Use Treatment Services, a 24-hour helpline is available at 1-800-704-0900; and

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Santa Clara County Board of Education and County Superintendent of Schools do hereby adopt this resolution to recognize August 31, 2023 as International Overdose Awareness Day and support the work at all levels to protect the wellbeing of youth.

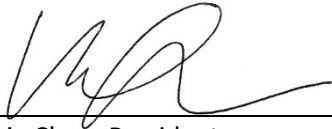
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the County Board of Education at a meeting held on August 2, 2023, by the following vote:

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

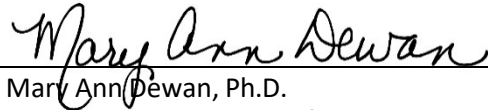
NOES: none

ABSTAIN: none

ABSENT: Trustee Di Salvo



Victoria Chon, President
Santa Clara County Board of Education



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