

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING INTERNATIONAL OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY**

**SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
RESOLUTION No. 2569-1**

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

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

**WHEREAS**, in 2024, 330 drug-related deaths were recorded in Santa Clara County. 132 deaths were recorded related to opioids, 108 of which were related to fentanyl; 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**, the Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE) collaborates to address the dangers of fentanyl specific to youth and works with municipalities and educational organizations to share information and resources specific to campaigns aimed at youth; and

**WHEREAS**, the SCCOE participates in National Fentanyl Awareness Day, the first Tuesday of May, encouraging families to have discussions that empower youth with information to help them make healthy and safe decisions; now

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Santa Clara County Board of Education and the County Superintendent of Schools do hereby adopt this resolution to recognize August 31, 2025, as International Overdose Awareness Day and support the work at all levels to protect the well-being of youth.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the County Board of Education at a meeting held on August 6, 2025, by the following vote:

AYES: Jessica Speiser, Raeena Lari, Don Rocha, Maimona Afzal Berta, Victoria Chon, Jorge Pacheco, Tara Sreekrishnan

NOES: none

ABSTAIN: none

ABSENT: none

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Maimona Afzal Berta, President  
Santa Clara County Board of Education

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Dr. David M. Toston, Sr.  
County Superintendent of Schools