

RESOLUTION
TO SUPPORT SAFE AND SENSIBLE GUN
SAFETY REFORM IN RESPONSE TO GARLIC
FESTIVAL TRAGEDY IN GILROY

**SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF
EDUCATION RESOLUTION No. 2247-1**

WHEREAS, the safety, security, and well-being of all children is the number one priority for both the Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE) and the Santa Clara County Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, Santa Clara County was recently shocked by the senseless shooting that resulted in the tragic loss of three victims, including two local students; and

WHEREAS, the SCCOE is a community leader, which provides support to districts, communities, schools, and students, and advocates and promotes a safe nurturing environment; and

WHEREAS, all members of the community have the right to safety, security, and freedom from physical and psychological harm regardless of gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, race, religion, or creed; and

WHEREAS, gun violence is one of the major causes of death in children and adolescents in the United States. A 2018 report from the New England Journal of Medicine states that there has been an increase in U.S. gun-related child and adolescent deaths raising from 15-percent in 2016 to 26-percent. This figure is four times greater compared to other country data provided by the World Health Organization; and

WHEREAS, studies have proven that common-sense legal restrictions on owning and purchasing guns decrease gun violence; and

WHEREAS, gun violence is a danger to students and our community. While California ranks highest in the nation for gun safety including banning the sale of semi-automatic weapons neighboring states are less restrictive thereby creating easy access to firearms; and

WHEREAS, both the County Office of Education and the County Board of Education support safe and sensible gun reform measures; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Santa Clara County Board of Education and the County Superintendent of Schools do hereby adopt this resolution to support local and national measures to keep our community secure through safe and sensible gun safety reform to provide protection for all.

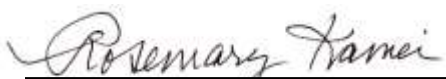
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the County Board of Education at a meeting held on August 7, 2019, by the following vote:

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

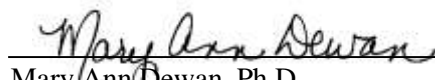
NOES: -none-

ABSTAIN: -none-

ABSENT: -none-



Rosemary Kamei, President
Santa Clara County Board of Education



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