

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING FULL FEDERAL FUNDING OF THE INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES  
EDUCATION ACT (IDEA) and S. 2217**

**SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
RESOLUTION No. 2445-4**

**WHEREAS**, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) was groundbreaking federal legislation that continues to protect students with disabilities by guaranteeing the right to a free appropriate public education (FAPE), with the promise to provide 40% of the extra costs associated with educating students with disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the federal government has never fully funded this promise. Funding in [2023](#) was less than 13 percent; and

**WHEREAS**, the federal share of IDEA funding has decreased by roughly 30% since 2005; and

**WHEREAS**, the IDEA federal shortfall per pupil is \$2,775.11 [in California](#); and

**WHEREAS**, the lack of full federal funding of the 40% commitment creates disproportionate access to beneficial services for children with disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the [latest student assessment](#) from the California Department of Education (CDE) revealed that students with disabilities performed 97.3 and 130.8 points below the state standard in English language arts and mathematics, respectively; and

**WHEREAS**, the Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE) works to be a premier service provider in delivering special education programming and technical assistance as well as being a leader in advocating for quality special education; and

**WHEREAS**, the SCCOE directly serves 1,137 K-12 special education students, 180 Early Start students, implements Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) services for 27,817 students, and supports almost 3,000 families through the Inclusion Collaborative; and

**WHEREAS**, the SCCOE has advocated for full federal funding of IDEA for many years, including securing support from the Santa Clara County federal delegation for bills to fully fund IDEA; and

**WHEREAS**, [S. 2217](#), the IDEA Full Funding Act, proposed by Senator Chris Van Hollen (D-MD) and Representative Jared Huffman (D-CA) would put the IDEA grants to state programs on a 10-year glidepath to full funding; and

**WHEREAS**, support, including funding, for Special Education and Court and Community Schools are a [2024 priority](#) for the Santa Clara County Board of Education; now

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Santa Clara County Board of Education and the County Superintendent of Schools reaffirm their support for full federal funding of IDEA and S. 2217, the IDEA Full Funding Act, to unlock the full potential and promise of the law.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Santa Clara County Board of Education at a meeting held on August 7, 2024, by the following vote:

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

NOES: none

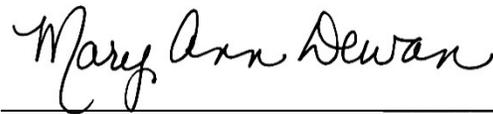
ABSTAIN: none

ABSENT: none



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Maimona Afzal Berta, President  
Santa Clara County Board of Education



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