

## RESOLUTION PERMITTING AN EXCUSED ABSENCE FOR STUDENT PARTICIPATION IN RELIGIOUS EXERCISES OR INSTRUCTION SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION RESOLUTION No: 2324-6

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Education Code 46014, with written consent of the student's parent/guardian, the County Office of Education may excuse a student from school in order to participate in religious exercises or to receive moral and religious instruction at the student's place of worship or other suitable place away from school property as designated by the religious group, church or denomination; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Education Code 46014, absence for student participation in religious exercises or instruction shall not be considered an absence for the purpose of computing average daily attendance if the student attends at least the minimum school day and is not excused from school for this purpose on more than four days per school month; and

**WHEREAS**, in order for the County Office of Education to receive average daily attendance funding for such absences, the Santa Clara County Board of Education (SCCBOE) must adopt a resolution permitting an excused absence for student participation in religious exercises or instruction; and

**THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED,** that the Santa Clara County Board of Education and County Superintendent of Schools do hereby adopt this resolution permitting an excused absence for student participation in religious exercises or instruction.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Santa Clara County Board of Education at a meeting held on September 6, 2023, by the following vote:

AYES: President Chon and Trustees Berta, Di Salvo, Lari, Mah, and Rocha NOES: none ABSTAIN: none ABSENT: Vice President Sreekrishnan

Victoria Chon, President Santa Clara County Board of Education

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