

**RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING AND CELEBRATING HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH**

**SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
RESOLUTION No. 2305-2**

**WHEREAS**, the Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE) is honored to join communities throughout the country to recognize and celebrate September 15, 2022, as the start of National Hispanic Heritage Month; and

**WHEREAS**, the SCCOE acknowledges and continues to learn about Hispanic and Latinx communities and cultures, their unique differences and similarities; and

**WHEREAS**, every year, since 1968, from September 15 to October 15 the U.S. celebrates Hispanic and Latinx culture and contributions to our nation and local community; and

**WHEREAS**, historically, the Santa Clara County Board of Education has unanimously passed the previous resolutions highlighting the contributions Hispanic and Latinx people are making within the county, state, and nation; and

**WHEREAS**, this is an opportunity to share the historical contributions of Hispanic and Latinx people that have significantly impacted education. Pioneers such as Roberto Alvarez, whose groundbreaking case *Roberto Alvarez v Lemon Grove School District* (CA, 1931) was the first successful school desegregation case in American history; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout the year, we honor the contributions of Hispanic and Latinx people in our history as well as celebrate the contributions of those who serve our communities and schools every day, such as civil rights trailblazers Cesar Chavez and Dolores Clara Fernandez Huerta, who recently had a school constructed and named in her honor, and “La Madrina of East San Jose” Blanca Alvarado, who was the first Latina San Jose Councilmember and Santa Clara County Supervisor; and

**WHEREAS**, a local superintendent was recognized by the California Association of Latino Superintendents and Administrators (CALSA). Franklin-McKinley School District Superintendent Juan Cruz was named as the CALSA State Superintendent of the Year. The CALSA is dedicated to growing a community of diverse educational leaders skilled in addressing the needs of Latinx students; and

**WHEREAS**, Hispanic/Latinx people make up 25 percent of the population in Santa Clara County, while 21.2 percent make up the 18 and under population, according to the U.S. Census. Hispanic/Latinx children represent the largest racial/ethnic group among the state’s child population, according to Kids Data; and

**WHEREAS**, within the county are programs to uplift and empower Hispanic and Latinx students, such as the New Americans Fellowship program - a leadership pipeline for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients living, working, or going to school in Santa Clara County; the East San Jose Prevention Efforts Advance Community Equity (PEACE) Partnership - a community initiative aimed at building a community free of violence and trauma; School Linked Services - a partnership between Santa Clara County and schools to bridge supports and services such as health and wellbeing; and, the Universal Access Program (UAP) - a collaboration of FIRST 5, County of Santa Clara agencies, Santa Clara

County Office of Education, Alum Rock Unified School District, Franklin McKinley School District, and other nonprofit partners committed to cross-system coordination and integration in service to family navigation that is culturally-responsive and applies a whole child, whole family approach to supports; and

**WHEREAS**, to support this student population, the SCCOE has fostered strong partnerships in the community, including partnering with Silicon Valley Education Foundation (SVEF) Eastside Alliance to promote and provide training for culturally relevant math instruction leading to increased math scores for Hispanic and Latinx children and the aforementioned Universal Access Program; and

**WHEREAS**, other partnerships have been formed, such as the Hispanic Education Foundation of Silicon Valley, which provides support to students and families through programs such as Latinos in technology, STEM, parent engagement, and leadership development; and

**WHEREAS**, the SCCOE remains dedicated to providing resources and programming for Spanish-speaking communities; offers translation services and training for teachers, schools, and school districts; continues recruitment efforts to attract diverse educators into the teaching profession; promotes multilingual education through our Multilingual Education Services and involvement with the California Association of Bilingual Education (CABE), and continues to support safe schools and resources for undocumented students; and

**WHEREAS**, the SCCOE recognizes the significant contributions of Hispanic and Latinx people in our community, state and the world, as leaders, scientists, politicians, educators, public servants, and more.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Santa Clara County Board of Education and County Superintendent of Schools strongly celebrates the diversity and contributions of the Hispanic and Latinx community during Hispanic Heritage Month.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the County Board of Education at a meeting held on September 7, 2022, by the following vote:

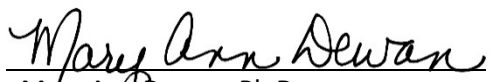
AYES: President Ortiz, Vice President Chon, Trustees Di Salvo, Kamei, and Sreekrishnan

NOES: none

ABSTAIN: none

ABSENT: Trustees Mah and Rossi

  
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Peter Ortiz, President  
Santa Clara County Board of Education

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