

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE SIGNIFICANCE OF
CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS AND NATIONAL BULLYING PREVENTION MONTH**

**SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
RESOLUTION No. 2448-2**

WHEREAS, October is designated as both cybersecurity awareness and national bullying prevention month; and

WHEREAS, every year since 2003, October has been recognized as [Cybersecurity Awareness Month](#) (CSAM). This effort was brought to life through a collaboration between the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the National Cybersecurity Alliance; and

WHEREAS, implementing safe cybersecurity best practices is important for individuals as well as organizations of all sizes. Using strong passwords, updating software, thinking before clicking on suspicious links, and turning on multi-factor authentication are the basics of “cyber hygiene” and will drastically improve online safety; and

WHEREAS, more than 2,200 [cyberattacks](#) occur every day, which means someone is a victim of a cybercrime every 39 seconds; and

WHEREAS, [doxing](#) has evolved into a preferred tool for online harassment. According to a 2022 survey, one in five people have been doxxed - having their names, addresses, and even financial data released. Of those doxxed, 40 percent received death threats. For women, the vitriol intensifies – 63 percent were stalked or harassed post-doxx; and

WHEREAS, National Bullying Prevention Month was established in 2006, as an opportunity to encourage the nation to take action at the local level to create safe and supportive organizations; and

WHEREAS, bullying has developed a presence both in-person and through online platforms; and

WHEREAS, [bullying occurs when](#) one person or a group of people is perceived as being more powerful than another and takes advantage of that power through repeated physical assaults, threats of harm, intimidation, or by purposefully excluding a person from a valued social group; and

WHEREAS, cyberattacks, doxing, and bullying can all have significant impacts on an individual’s and organization’s well being; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE) has established cybersecurity summits, digital citizenship and literacy resources, and other safety measures to support individuals and organizations; and

WHEREAS, the [Technology & Data Services Division’s](#) services include administrative systems support, network administration and security, information systems operations, data systems, and technical support; and

WHEREAS, [Educational Technology](#) offers digital citizenship and literacy trainings and resources for educators, students, and community members; and

WHEREAS, the [Inclusion Collaborative](#) and [LGBTQ+ Program](#) within SCCOE also offer a variety of resources and trainings aimed at inclusion, equity and diversity, acceptance and belonging, and more; and

WHEREAS, the SCCOE does not tolerate violence nor bullying of any kind and through its [Risk Management Department](#) offers safety supports to schools and has developed a Workplace Violence Prevention plan; and

WHEREAS, the SCCOE remains committed to its mission of serving, inspiring, and promoting student and public school success; 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 the significance of cybersecurity awareness and bullying prevention including doxxing.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the County Board of Education at a meeting held on September 18, 2024, by the following vote:

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

NOES: none

ABSTAIN: none

ABSENT: none



Maimona Afzal Berta, President
Santa Clara County Board of Education



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