RESOLUTION SUPPORTING PROPOSITION 50

SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION RESOLUTION No. 2572-3

WHEREAS, the Santa Clara County Board of Education and Santa Clara County Office of Education are committed to ensuring students are provided with a well-rounded education that prepares them for their academic journey, future careers, and for life; and

WHEREAS, when students' basic needs are met, they thrive. This includes access to nutritious meals, safe and stable learning environments, physical health and mental health supports, and the freedom to express their authentic identities without fear of discrimination; and

WHEREAS, actions taken at the federal level have adversely impacted public education, creating cascading effects for vulnerable students and their families; and

WHEREAS, federal budget cuts to Medi-Cal and CalFresh, programs essential for determining eligibility for the National School Lunch Program, jeopardize the health and well-being of students across California; and

WHEREAS, these threats to public education compound longstanding underfunding of critical federal education programs, such as the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), leaving schools under-resourced to meet the needs of students with disabilities and other vulnerable populations; and

WHEREAS, fear and barriers to student learning have increased due to the removal of protections against immigration enforcement at sensitive locations, such as schools. This forces school districts to divert valuable time and resources to safeguarding students and families rather than solely focusing on academics and student wellness; and

WHEREAS, in response to partisan redistricting efforts in other states, the California Legislature has approved efforts to preserve and defend public education and secure the critical resources for student needs during federal cuts; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Santa Clara County Board of Education and the County Superintendent of Schools do hereby adopt this resolution supporting Proposition 50 as a measure to protect.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the County Board of Education at a meeting held on October 1, 2025, by the following vote:

AYES: Jessica Speiser, Raeena Lari, Maimona Afzal Berta, Victoria Chon, Jorge Pacheco, Tara Sreekrishnan

NOES: ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Don Rocha

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Maimona Afzal Berta, President Santa Clara County Board of Education Dr. David M. Toston, Sr.

County Superintendent of Schools