

RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING SUPPORT OF THE BUILD BACK BETTER ACT

SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
RESOLUTION No. 2289-4

WHEREAS, the Santa Clara County Board of Education and the County Superintendent of Schools recognize that the COVID-19 pandemic has contributed to a shortage of early learning and childcare providers, a decline in early learning enrollment, and an increase in food insecurity in Santa Clara County; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Clara County Office of Education is deeply committed to achieving affordable high-quality early learning and childcare services for all children and families because school readiness closes the achievement gap and ensures all children are ready to succeed; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Clara County Office of Education strongly supports implementation of a universal meals program which would remove the stigma associated with school meals and ensure that all children are fed and ready to learn; and

WHEREAS, Congress is currently considering the Build Back Better Act, a bill to provide for reconciliation pursuant to title II of the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2022, Senate Constitutional Resolution 14; and

WHEREAS, the Build Back Better Act includes \$450 billion to support early learning and childcare including a proposal to help subsidize the cost of childcare so that middle income families in Santa Clara County spend no more than 7% of their income on childcare; and

WHEREAS, the Build Back Better Act includes \$35 billion for school nutrition programs and proposes changes to the community eligibility provision that would make it significantly easier for schools in Santa Clara County to qualify to provide universal meals to all students regardless of income; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa Clara County Board of Education and County Superintendent of Schools support the provisions of the Build Back Better Act pertaining to early learning, childcare, and universal school meals.

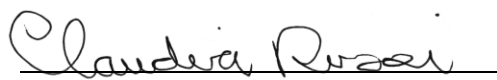
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Santa Clara County Board of Education at a meeting held on October 6, 2021 by the following vote:


AYES: President Rossi, Vice President Ortiz, Trustees Chon, Kamei, Sreekrishnan and Mah

NOES: none

ABSTAIN: none

ABSENT: Trustee Di Salvo


Claudia Rossi, President
Santa Clara County Board of Education


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