

## RESOLUTION AFFIRMING SUPPORT FOR MEASURE A FUNDING CONTINUANCE

## SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION RESOLUTION No. 2231-3

**WHEREAS,** the Santa Clara County Office of Education is committed to implementing a strategic education campaign that raises awareness of the benefits of Early Care, Health, and Education; and

WHEREAS, our organization is also committed to improving outcomes for Foster Youth; and

**WHEREAS,** the Santa Clara County Board of Education shares the vision of improving access to inclusive, equitable, high-quality education and recognizes the importance of equitable access to high quality learning for every student in Santa Clara County; and

**WHEREAS,** the Santa Clara County Office of Education supports a community effort through Strong Start of Santa Clara County, a community coalition committed to expanding access to high quality early learning opportunities for all children ages 0 to 8 in Santa Clara County; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Clara County Office of Education Foster Youth Services Department (FYS) provides services to children and youth in foster care or experiencing homelessness. FYS staff also works with group home providers, the Juvenile Justice Department, and the Department of Family and Children Services along with other agencies and organizations involved in the lives of foster and homeless youth; and

WHEREAS, vital services such as law enforcement and public safety, trauma and emergency room services, health coverage for low-income children, economic development and job creation, housing for the homeless; and programs to help students stay in school in Santa Clara County are currently funded by Measure A passed in 2012; and

**WHEREAS,** in 2017, the county-funded School Link Services program provided housing, food, mental health and other health services to more than 6,000 students, helping students stay in school and continue their academic studies; and

**WHEREAS,** Measure A funding is scheduled for a renewal on the November 6, 2018 ballot and is a continuance of the existing one-eighth-cent sales tax; and

**WHEREAS,** government agencies and community service organizations are able to provide necessary services to students in Santa Clara County through Measure A funding and these services contribute to the well-being of our students and supports healthy and safe communities; and

**WHEREAS**, Measure A is aligned with the strategic plan goals of our organization by supporting Early Learning, student health, foster and homeless youth, and school support programs; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Santa Clara County Board of Education and the County Superintendent of Schools does hereby adopt this resolution to affirm support for Measure A – continuing the existing one-eighth-cent sales tax to support advocacy and well-being for children within Santa Clara County.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the County Board of Education at a meeting held on October 10 2018, by the following vote:

AYES: President Kamei, Vice President Song, Trustees Mah, King and Green

NOES: --none--ABSTAIN: --none--

ABSENT: Trustees Di Salvo and King

Rosemary Kamei, President

Clara County Board of Education

Mary Ann Dewan, Ph.D, Superintendent Santa

Santa Clara County Office of Education