

**RESOLUTION
PARITY GOALS FOR FOSTER YOUTH IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY**

SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION No. 2232-4

WHEREAS, the Joint Foster Youth Task Force (JFYTF) was formed by the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors and the Santa Clara County Office of Education in March 2017. The task force examined all aspects of foster care and sub groups were created to tackle specific challenges. The Foster Youth Aligned Action Network (FYAAN) was one of the subgroups focusing on employment and education; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Clara County Board of Education supported the work of the JFYTF and appointed Trustee Joseph DiSalvo to serve as a member of the task force; and

WHEREAS, recommendations of the JFYTF were presented in September 2018 to a joint meeting representing the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors, the Santa Clara County Board of Education and the County Office of Education; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Clara County Office of Education is committed to improving the academic and social-emotional outcomes of Foster Youth; and

WHEREAS, the Local Control and Accountability (LCAP) plan requires consideration for students in Foster care; and

WHEREAS, the California School Accountability Dashboard focuses on equity and identifies Foster Youth as a group not reaching parity with their peers; and

WHEREAS, there are approximately 1,300 children in Foster Care in Santa Clara County; and

WHEREAS, the Foster Youth Aligned Action Network reports that current and former foster youth earn an average of \$8,300 a year at the age of 24, making it impossible to live sustainably; and

WHEREAS, the high school graduation rate for youth in Foster Care is 50%, much lower than their cohorts at 86%; and vast disparities have been identified in graduation rates, employment, and income opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the SCCOE provides Foster Vision, a sustainable and free service to all school districts in Santa Clara County to facilitate legally required data sharing for foster youth to assist in providing services and monitoring educational status, placement changes, and improvement of services, through a collection of data from districts and public agencies; and

WHEREAS, the SCCOE participates and co-leads the Foster Youth Aligned Action Network, a coalition of stakeholders from government agencies, schools, nonprofits, and the community committed to improving the outcomes for foster youth in Santa Clara County.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Santa Clara County Board of Education and the County Superintendent of Schools do hereby adopt this resolution to affirm support for the parity goals of the Foster Youth Aligned Action Network that beginning with the high school class of 2021, foster youth in Santa Clara County will achieve parity in education, employment and income outcomes with their non-

foster peers by 2027 to increase the High School Graduation Rate to 86%, College Graduation Rate to 33%, and increased median income to \$50,000.

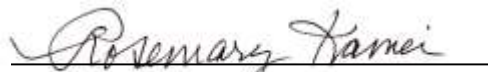
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the County Board of Education at a meeting held on October 24, 2018, by the following vote:

AYES: President Kamei, Vice President Song, Trustees Di Salvo, King, Rossi, and Mah

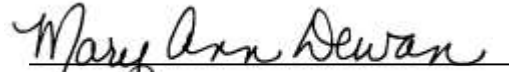
NOES: --none--

ABSTAIN: --none--

ABSENT: Trustee Green



Rosemary Kamei, President
Santa Clara County Board of Education



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