

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION

SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION RESOLUTION No. 2213-1

WHEREAS, the Santa Clara County Office of Education believes in and stands for the importance of inclusion, equity, and justice and is committed to supporting access to opportunities for all students to engage in 21st Century education (4C's) through computer science education; and

WHEREAS, we support teaching and learning that prepares our students for careers in the 21st Century (4Cs: Critical Thinking, Communication, Collaboration and Creativity) in a computer-intensive world;

WHEREAS, the County Office of Education believes in the public sector for the public good. Advancing equity and inclusion is critical to the success of our communities and our nation; and

WHEREAS, we support addressing the lack of access to computer science education for under-represented minorities and socio-economically challenged groups, as well as a significant gender gap;

WHEREAS, we support an education that involves an integrated—interdisciplinary education through STEAM design, creativity, problem solving, and computational thinking;

WHEREAS, we as educational leaders of Santa Clara County have a responsibility to ensure that *all* of our students are supported in 21st Century academic development;

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Santa Clara County Board of Education and County Superintendent of Schools does hereby adopt this resolution to supporting the study of computer science education, which prepares our students for high-skill, high-wage, and high-demand career pathways; to increase efforts to provide a comprehensive computer science education for *all* students in Santa Clara County; and to support and promote the "Hour of Code" during Computer Science EdWeek (December 4-10, 2017), as a means to engage *all* students in computer science as part of a "well-roundededucation."

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the County Board of Education at a meeting held on November 1, 2017 by the following vote:

AYES: President Chang, Vice-President Kamei, members Song, Di Salvo, Green, Mah and Rossi

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

Michael Chang, President

Santa Clara County Board of Education

Jon R. Gundry

County Superintendent of Schools