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SCCOE convenes Asian American and Pacific Islander Educators Network

SAN JOSE, CA – The Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE) will host the first-ever Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Educators Network Meeting on Thursday, May 7 from 4 to 7 p.m. This event also coincides with the May celebration of National Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. May was first commemorated as such through the introduction of a congressional bill in 1977, cosponsored by former local Congressman Norman Y. Mineta.

“Santa Clara has the second-largest AAPI population among all counties in the nation,” said Jon R. Gundry, Santa Clara County Superintendent of Schools. “One of our priorities is to actively prepare students from all of our diverse groups to become responsible and innovative global citizens, and forming this network is another supporting block in that foundation.”

In Santa Clara County, 33 percent of students are identified as Asian American and Pacific Islanders (AAPI). As part of the continued support of this group, the SCCOE is convening the AAPI Educators Network to create a forum to focus on trending topics and specific challenges related to AAPI students and provide networking opportunities for AAPI educators, while encouraging them to aim for leadership roles within education.

The AAPI Educators Network Meeting will be facilitated by Dr. Angelica Ramsey, Chief Academic Officer, and Dr. Yee Wan, Director of Multilingual Education Services, who will be attending the White House Summit on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders on May 12 at The George Washington University in Washington, D.C.

Educators can register for the event online at: <http://santaclara.k12oms.org/1054-97160>; or by calling (408) 453-4345.

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