



Asian American and Pacific Islander Educators Network

Virtual Meeting

Thursday, February 3, 2022

4:30 - 6 p.m.

<https://www.sccoe.org/sclis/aapi>

Welcome & Introductions



Dr. Anisha Munshi

Associate Superintendent,
Professional Learning and
Instructional Support Division,
Santa Clara County Office of Education

Please put your name, role, and district/agency in the chat.

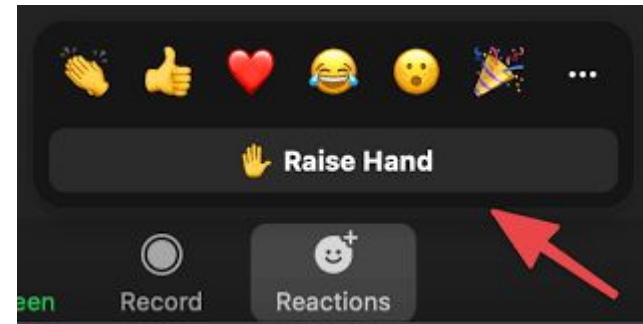


Welcome

Happy Lunar New Year!

Xīnnián hǎo (新年好) | Gong hei fat choy (恭喜发财), Saehae bok mani badeuseyo (새해 복 많이 받으세요!), Chúc mừng năm mới

Zoom Logistics



Leadership, Service, & Advocacy

County Superintendent



Dr. Mary Ann Dewan

County Board of Education



Victoria Chon
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Area 3



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Area 1



Peter Ortiz
Area 6



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Area 7



Tara Sreekrishnan
Area 2

Network Goals

- Provide professional networking opportunities for AAPI educators;
- Learn about trending topics related to AAPI students and educators;
- Discuss issues and challenges related to AAPI students and educators; and
- Encourage AAPI educators to aim for leadership roles

Agenda

I. Welcome and Introductions

II. Overview of AAPIEN Goals & Toolkit Project

III. Panel & Facilitated Discussion

Education and Pacific Islanders: Sustaining Community and Culture

IV. Participant Discussions and Share Outs

V. Closing & Feedback

Land Acknowledgment

We acknowledge that Santa Clara County schools and districts occupy the unceded territory of the [Muwekma Ohlone Nation](#), the sovereign nation and original people of the skies, land, and waters where we work. It is vitally important that we not only come to understand the history of this land, but that we recognize that the Muwekma Ohlone people are living and flourishing within Santa Clara County communities.

Statement of Solidarity

The Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE) in collaboration with the Asian American and Pacific Islander Educators Network affirms its commitment to...

- creating inclusive, affirming, and equitable school environments for each and every Asian American and Pacific Islander student, family, and staff of our Santa Clara County schools. This statement thus provides rationale and a foundation for operationalizing equity and social justice at the systems level for the Asian American and Pacific Islander students, families, and staff who make up our school communities.
- recognizing that the broad categories of “Asian American” and “Pacific Islander”, [when disaggregated](#), encompass a diversity of cultures, languages, religions, histories, geographical ties, immigration status, socio-economic backgrounds, and generations among over 50 ethnic groups, comprising almost [90,000 K-12 students](#) (35.3%) across Santa Clara County.

Statement of Solidarity

- taking appropriate action to disrupt and dismantle the stereotypes that create barriers to full expressions of humanity for [Asian American](#) and [Pacific Islander](#) students. We recognize that such stereotypes lead to [bullying, harassment, and violence](#) as well as invisibility and dismissal of individual student's needs in school environments.
- nurturing and cultivating the social, emotional, and academic development of all Asian American and Pacific Islander students so that each student's full humanity is recognized and actualized.
- providing the institutional supports for Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders that are responsive to their unique experiences and needs.

In this spirit, the SCCOE proudly re-affirms its commitment to Asian American and Pacific Islander students, families, and staff as part of its ongoing practice as a leader in educational equity and social justice for all based on SCCOE's [non-discrimination policy](#), and [its goals](#).

Overview of AAPIEN Goals and Toolkit Project



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Education Researcher /
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2021-22 AAPIEN Goals

- Develop broader and deeper knowledge of the local Asian American and Pacific Islander history and community
- Develop a toolkit for teachers and administrators to support them in the education and identity development of Asian American and Pacific Islander students

2021-22 AAPIEN Meeting Topics

1. Immigration and Diaspora: History and Now
2. Local Geography/Physical and Community Spaces
3. Education and Pacific Islanders
4. AAPI Youth, Identities and Education (May 9, 2022)

Aligning with SCCOE Core Principles

Equity	Support educators in cultivating equity through building a culture of belonging for AAPI students in schools so that students feel safe, cared for and visible.
Diversity	Embrace diverse and cross-cultural perspectives and experiences in our equity work.
Inclusion	Include and honor voice, knowledge, wisdom, experience, practice and reflection held within the AAPI communities across Santa Clara County.
Partnership	Leverage the expertise of individuals who are members of districts and/or community agencies as partners or collaborators.

our approach to the toolkit

- *Constructivist*: co-exploring stories and experiences (questions are as important as facts)
- Based in the rich local histories, experiences, and knowledge held within the AAPI community across Santa Clara County
- Knowledge and wisdom (expertise) come from experience, practice, and reflection: non-hierarchical
- Collecting and sharing resources that have been of use to community members
- Building toward a truthful, additive, multidimensional, & humanizing curriculum: *transformative*



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Panel Discussion: *Education and Pacific Islanders: Sustaining Community and Cultures*



Moderator

Sofia Fojas

Arts Coordinator, Professional Learning
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Santa Clara County Office of Education

Panelists

Education and Pacific Islanders: Sustaining Community and Culture



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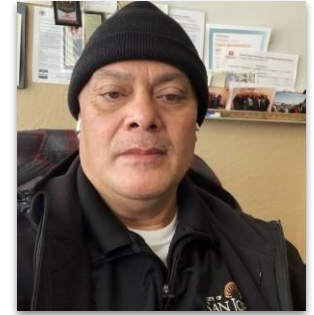
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Specialist,
Parks, Recreation
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Services,
Youth Intervention
Services

Facilitated Discussion Questions

- What does a good education for your community mean to you?
- How has your community worked to ensure that your young people receive the education and support they deserve?
- In what ways has the education system worked to support your community? In what ways has it failed your community?

Breakout Conversations

What is something you heard tonight that excited or surprised you?

For your discussions:

- Use the [note catcher](#).
- Assign a notetaker. (This will help us to capture YOUR stories and insights.)
- Be sure that each person has a chance to speak.
- Listen with heart.

Planning Committee Members

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- Tina Choy, Berryessa Union School District
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- Sofia Fojas, Santa Clara County Office of Education
- Eva Marlow, Evergreen School District
- Dr. Hong Nguyen, San Ramon Valley Unified School District
- Joanna Shea, East Side Union High School District
- Jas Sohal, Santa Clara County Office of Education
- Dr. Yee Wan, Santa Clara County Office of Education



Please Provide Feedback

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AAPIEN02032022>

THANK YOU!



Upcoming Meetings

Join us for the next three network meetings!

May 9, 2022 | 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.
(final meeting may be in person)

[Invite your colleagues to register!](#)



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