



# Asian American and Pacific Islander Educators Network

Virtual Meeting

Monday, May 9, 2022

4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

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

# Introductions



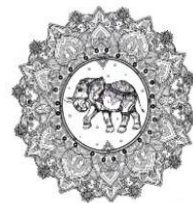
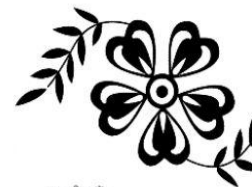
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Honoring our  
VAST AND VARIED  
histories,  
Celebrating the  
BEAUTY AND RICHNESS  
of our Cultures,  
and looking ahead  
to our dreams  
FOR THE FUTURE.



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



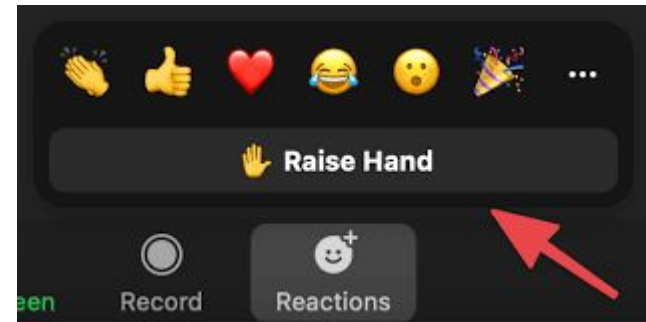
# Welcome



## **Victoria Chon**

Vice President, Santa Clara County  
Board of Education

# Zoom Logistics





# Leadership, Service, & Advocacy

## County Superintendent



Dr. Mary Ann Dewan

## County Board of Education



Victoria Chon  
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Joseph Di Salvo  
*Area 4*



Rosemary Kamei  
*Area 3*



Grace Mah  
*Area 1*



Peter Ortiz  
*Area 6*



Claudia Rossi  
*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. Setting the Context: AAPI Youth**

**III. Panel & Facilitated Discussion**  
***AAPI Youth: Identities and Education***

**IV. Breakout Room Discussions**

**V. Share Outs**

**VI. Recognitions**

**VII. Closing and 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](#).

# 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



# 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.

# Setting the Context:

## AAPI Youth: Identity and Education

(What does your identity mean to you?)



**Erica Misako Boas, Ph.D.**  
(she/her/hers)  
Education Researcher /  
Community Activist


# 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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***Cultural identity*** refers to identification with, or sense of belonging to, a particular group based on various cultural categories, including nationality, ethnicity, race, gender, and religion.

***Cultural identity*** is constructed and maintained through the process of sharing collective knowledge such as traditions, heritage, language, aesthetics, norms and customs.

[Source](#)



# Panel Discussion: *AAPI Youth: Identity and Education*



## **Moderator**

Bhargavi Garimella  
Student, Harvard College

# Panelists

## ***AAPI Youth: Identity and Education***



**Kalyssa Choy**

Student,  
Branham High  
School



**Nihal Sahul  
Hameed**

Student,  
Evergreen High  
School



**Jina So**

Student,  
Independence  
High School



**Tiffany Mai Tran**

Student,  
Andrew P. Hill  
High School



# Facilitated Discussion Questions

- **Tell your story:** Introduce yourself, name, pronoun. How do you identify racially, ethnically, culturally, with respect to gender, sexuality, spirituality?
- **Talk about your identity:** In what ways does your identity come into play in your school?
  - Do you think that your teachers, administrators, students, and/or parents treat you in particular ways due to your AA and/or PI identity? If so, how?
  - Are there challenges you face? Advantages afforded to you?
- **Imagine and share:** If you were principal of your school, what would you do to ensure that you are supporting AA or PI identified students and communities?
- **Additional thoughts:** Is there anything else you'd like educators to understand about your experience in school and/or ways that you could be better supported?

# 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

## (AAPI Educators Toolkit Contributors)

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- Kasturi Basu, Alum Rock Union School District
- Tina Choy, Berryessa Union School District
- Eva Marlow, Evergreen School District
- Dr. Hong Nguyen, San Ramon Valley Unified School District
- Gena Pacada, Santa Clara County Office of Education
- Sandhya Raman, Berryessa Union School District
- Joanna Shea, East Side Union High School District
- Jas Sohal, Santa Clara County Office of Education



# *Please Provide Feedback*

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AAPIEN05092022>

## THANK YOU!



# Upcoming Meetings

Join us for the 2022-23 network meetings!

September 12, 2022 | 4:30 to 6 p.m.

November 3, 2022 | 4:30 to 6 p.m.

February 2, 2023 | 4:30 to 6 p.m.

May 8, 2023 | 4:30 to 6 p.m.

[Invite your colleagues to register!](#)







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- Social Media



- [IMPACT Weekly](#) (e-newsletter)
- [www.sccoe.org](http://www.sccoe.org)