

RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE FALL OF SAIGON

SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION No. 2438-4

WHEREAS, April 30, 2024, marks the 49th anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War, also known as the Fall of Saigon, a day of remembrance and rededication to the principles of freedom; and

WHEREAS, after the fall of Saigon, millions of Vietnamese and other Southeast Asian people left the region to resettle elsewhere; an estimated 1.2 million refugees settled in the United States between 1975 and 1998; and

WHEREAS, per the [2020 census](#) there are more than 140,000 residences of Santa Clara County that identify as Vietnamese. This is the second largest population of Vietnamese outside of Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, in the 2022-23 school year, the California Department of Education's Dataquest reported there were over 72,000 students that identified as Asian (Pacific Islander and Filipino are separate data points) enrolled in Santa Clara County; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Clara County Board of Education and the County Superintendent of Schools recognize and honor the contributions of the diverse populations that comprise the tapestry of the county; and

WHEREAS, the [National Center on Safe Supportive Learning Environments](#) reports, *Sense of belonging refers to the extent to which students feel personally accepted, included, and supported at school, and includes school-based experiences, students' relationships with teachers and peers, and students' general feelings about school*; and

WHEREAS, research shows that students with a strong sense of belonging are more likely to be engaged in school and perform well academically; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Santa Clara County Board of Education and the County Superintendent of Schools do hereby adopt this resolution to acknowledge April 30, 2024, as the 49th anniversary of the end of the Fall of Saigon and acknowledge the contributions of Vietnamese Americans throughout our community.

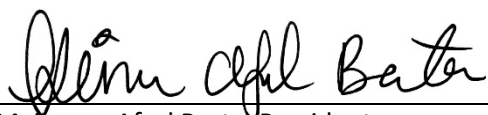
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the County Board of Education at a meeting held on April 17, 2024, by the following vote:

AYES: President Berta, Vice President Rocha, and Trustees Chon, Di Salvo, Lari, Mah, and Sreekrishnan

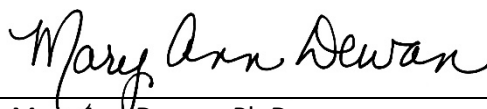
NOES: none

ABSTAIN: none

ABSENT: none



Maimona Afzal Berta, President
Santa Clara County Board of Education



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