



## RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING ATTENDANCE AWARENESS MONTH

### SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION RESOLUTION No. 2445-2

**WHEREAS**, the Santa Clara County Board of Education and the County Superintendent of Schools join educational communities throughout the country to recognize September as Attendance Awareness Month; and

**WHEREAS**, in the 2022-23 school year, at least [1.4 million students](#) in California were chronically absent; and

**WHEREAS**, chronically absent is defined as missing 10 percent (18 school days) or more school days for any reason - excused and unexcused absences and suspensions; and

**WHEREAS**, school attendance is directly linked to students making connections with both their peers and school staff, to nurturing a sense of belonging, and to academic performance; and

**WHEREAS**, healthy attendance habits can be established as early as preschool and kindergarten. Thriving attendance supports students being proficient readers by third grade, having higher achievement rates in middle, and higher graduation rates at the high school level; and

**WHEREAS**, absenteeism has risen among all student groups, at every economic level. Black, Latino and Native American students, students living in poverty, students with disabilities and English language learners have been especially affected; and

**WHEREAS**, monitoring and tracking attendance is key to strategically responding to the academic and social losses experienced by millions of students, including the development of skills such as listening, paying attention, problem-solving and self-regulation, all of which are needed to grow and learn; and

**WHEREAS**, the [chronic absenteeism rate for Santa Clara County](#) in the 2022-23 school year was 19 percent compared to the state percentage of 25; and

**WHEREAS**, the Santa Clara County Office of Education's [Attendance and Engagement team](#) offers technical assistance to schools and districts; and

**WHEREAS**

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the County Board of Education at a meeting held on August 7, 2024, by the following vote:

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

NOES: none

ABSTAIN: none

ABSENT: none

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