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**Mr. Ed Acosta • Ms. Alyssa Alto • Ms. Rose Filicetti • Ms. Sandra Nichols**  
**Ms. Sue Roth • Mr. Abel Sanchez • Mr. Bruce Van Allen**

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**Santa Cruz County Board of Education**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**Thursday, May 18, 2023**  
**4:00pm**  
**Boardroom and/or Zoom**

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## **AGENDA**

### **1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

Bruce Van Allen (President), Ed Acosta, Alyssa Alto, Rose Filicetti, Sandra Nichols, Sue Roth, Abel Sanchez  
Faris Sabbah, Secretary

#### **1.1 Board Member Remote Attendance Approval**

In accordance with AB 2449, Trustees may participate in the Board meeting remotely under the following conditions:

- Just Cause, or Emergency Circumstances
- Board Approval

It is required that a Board quorum be present in-person.

Motion &

Roll Call Vote: Bruce Van Allen (President)

### **2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Superintendent Sabbah (Secretary) will lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Agenda deletions and/or changes of sequence will be approved or the agenda will be approved as submitted.

### **4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

This is an opportunity for the public to address the Board regarding items not on the agenda. The Board President will recognize any member of the audience not previously placed on the agenda who wishes to speak on a matter directly related to school business. Each speaker, on any specific topic, may speak up to **three (3) minutes** unless otherwise limited or extended by the President. The President may allot time to those wishing to speak but no action will be taken on matters presented (EDC § 35145.5). If appropriate, the President, or any Member of the Board, may direct that a matter be referred to the Superintendent's Office for placement on a future agenda. Please refer to item, *Please Note*, on the last item of this agenda.

### **5. CONSENT AGENDA**

All items appearing on consent agenda are recommended actions which are considered to be routine in nature and will be acted upon as one motion. Specific items may be removed for separate consideration. Item(s) removed will be considered immediately following the consent agenda motion as Deferred Consent Items.

5.0.1 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on March 16, 2023

5.0.2 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on April 20, 2023

5.0.3 Childhood Advisory Council of Santa Cruz County, Universal Pre-Kindergarten Mixed Delivery Planning Grant

**5.1 DEFERRED CONSENT ITEMS (if required)**

This item is placed on the agenda to address any items that might be pulled from Agenda Item 5.0 for further discussion/consideration if so determined.

**6. CORRESPONDENCE**

Official correspondence received by the Board, if any, is included herein. Copies of correspondence received within 72 hours of the meeting will be made available at the meeting location.

**7. REPORTS, DISCUSSIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS**

**7.1 Santa Cruz County Office of Education Retirement Recognitions**

The Board will recognize the important contributions of the following Santa Cruz County Office of Education employees who are planning to retire in the 2022-2023 school year.

Retirees: Lisa Carlton, Teacher, Alternative Education  
Sue Groth, Early Start Teacher/Coordinator, Special Education

Presenter(s): Dr. Faris Sabbah, County Superintendent of Schools

**7.2 Recognizing 2023 Santa Cruz County Congressional App Winner**

The Congressional App Challenge is among the most prestigious prizes in student computer science. Every year, the U.S. Congress challenges students in their districts to create and submit their original apps for a chance to win this distinguished award. Pacific Collegiate School student, Toma Brasoveanu, won the first prize for our Congressional district in California! He designed his app, Pill Alarm, to provide people a better way of monitoring personal medication, and offer scheduled reminders based on their specific medical needs. Toma will share the details of his app, his experience in DC, and be recognized by our County Board.

Presenter(s): Dr. Faris Sabbah, County Superintendent of Schools  
Jason Borgen, Chief Technology and Innovation Officer  
Stephanie Sumara, EdTech & Innovation Coach  
Elizabeth Shaw, Computer Science Pathway Coordinator

**7.3 2023 Educators and Community Partner of the Year**

Each year, the Santa Cruz County Board of Education celebrates the accomplishments of teachers, classified employees, administrators, school counselors and a local Community Partner. Award recipients are nominated by their peers and will be awarded a plaque of outstanding achievement by Superintendent Sabbah.

Award Recipients: Maria Ferreira, Teacher of the Year, Santa Cruz COE  
Paige Lynd, Classified Employee of the Year, Happy Valley  
Jose Morelos, Counselor of the Year, PVUSD  
Melissa Nix, Administrator of the Year, Live Oak School District  
Craig Broadhurst, Administrator of the Year, SUESD  
NAMI of Santa Cruz County, Community Partner of the Year

Presenter(s): Dr. Faris Sabbah, County Superintendent of Schools

**8. NEW BUSINESS AND ACTION ITEMS**

**8.1 Approval of Resolution #23-18 Recognizing LGBTQ+ Pride Month**

Earlier this month, the Santa Cruz County Office of Education, alongside all ten school districts, raised the Progress Flag in honor of Harvey Milk Day. The Progress Flag is a visual representation of acceptance and inclusion. The Santa Cruz County Board of Education and County Superintendent proclaims June as LGBTQ+ Pride Month to inspire equity, create alliances, celebrate diversity, and establish safe environments in our schools and communities throughout the county. The Board will consider adopting Resolution #23-18 Recognizing Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer (LGBTQ+) Pride Month.

Presenter(s): Sandra Nichols, Chair, Community Outreach and Legislation Committee

Motion &

Roll Call Vote: Bruce Van Allen (President)

**8.2 Approval of Resolution #23-19 Recognizing Juneteenth**

Established as a federally recognized holiday in 2021, Juneteenth commemorates the emancipation of enslaved people in the United States. It was first celebrated in Texas on June 19, 1866, exactly one year after Major General Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston, Texas, and declared that enslaved people had been freed by the Emancipation Proclamation. The will consider adopting Resolution #23-19 Recognizing Juneteenth.

Presenter(s): Sandra Nichols, Chair, Community Outreach and Legislation Committee

Motion &

Roll Call Vote: Bruce Van Allen (President)

**8.3 Approval of Resolution #23-20 Authorizing Inter-Fund Transfer and Designation Of Fund Balance As Committed**

The Board of Education of the Santa Cruz County Office of Education acknowledges its authority to commit, assign, or evaluate existing fund-balance classifications and identify the intended uses of committed or assigned funds. The Board of Education will annually transfer revenues received into the General Fund 01 to the Deferred Maintenance Fund 14 until this resolution is amended or the targeted balance in the fund is \$1,000,000. The Board is asked to approve Resolution #23-20

Presenter(s): Liann Reyes, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services

Motion &

Roll Call Vote: Bruce Van Allen (President)

**12. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Superintendent Sabbah will provide an update on activities and matters of interest.

**13. TRUSTEE REPORTS (3 minutes each)**

Trustees will report on matters, events and activities as related to Board goals of: Advocating for students, maintaining community relations and promoting student achievement.

**14. AD HOC/STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTIONS**

**15. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND UPCOMING EVENTS**

Santa Cruz County Board of Education  
Special Meeting: Board Self-Evaluation  
May 20, 2023  
9:00 a.m.

Countywide Black Graduation  
May 20, 2023  
3:00 p.m.

COE Alternative and Special Education Graduations  
May 22 - May 26, 2023

Santa Cruz County Board of Education  
Regular Meeting  
June 15, 2023  
4:00 p.m.

Santa Cruz County Board of Education  
Regular Meeting  
June 22, 2023  
4:00 p.m.

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

President Van Allen will adjourn the meeting.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

**Public Participation:**

All persons are encouraged to attend and, when appropriate, to participate in meetings of the Santa Cruz County Board of Education. If you wish to speak to an item on the agenda, please be present at the beginning of the meeting as any item, upon motion, may be moved to the beginning of the agenda. Persons wishing to address the Board are asked to state their name for the record. The president of the Board will establish a time limit of three (3) minutes, unless otherwise stated by the president, for comments from the public. Consideration of all matters is conducted in open session except those relating to litigation, personnel and employee negotiations, which, by law, may be considered in closed session. Expulsion appeal hearings are heard in closed session unless a request for hearing in open session is made by the appellant.

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## SANTA CRUZ COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

### AGENDA ITEM 5.0.1

**Board Meeting Date:** May 18, 2023

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Information

**TO:** Santa Cruz County Board of Education

**FROM:** Administration Department

**SUBJECT:** Unapproved March 16, 2023 Board Minutes

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#### BACKGROUND

Minutes from the March 16, 2023 Board Meeting.

#### FUNDING IMPLICATIONS

None.

#### RECOMMENDATION

Approve the minutes.



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**Santa Cruz County Board of Education  
Regular Board Meeting  
Thursday, March 16, 2023  
4:00pm  
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**UNAPPROVED MINUTES**

**1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

Trustees Present:

Bruce Van Allen (President), Alyssa Alto, Sandra Nichols, Sue Roth, Abel Sanchez

Trustees Absent:

Ed Acosta, Rose Filicetti

Staff Present:

Dr. Faris Sabbabh (Secretary), Liann Reyes, Melissa Lopez, Rory Bruce, Verenise Valentin

**1.1 Board Member Remote Attendance Approval**

No Trustee requested remote attendance approval.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Superintendent Sabbabh led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A motion was made to approve the agenda as presented (Nichols/Sanchez 5-0-0-1).

Ayes: Alto, Nichols, Roth, Sanchez, Van Allen

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Acosta, Filicetti

**4. CLOSED SESSION**

**4.1 Closed Session Disclosure**

President Van Allen disclosed that the Board, in closed session, discussed matters relating to a litigation matter against the Santa Cruz County Office of Education.

**4.2 Closed Session: Litigation Matter**

Superintendent Sabbabh shared a litigation matter with the County Board of Education.

Trustee Acosta arrived



**5. OPEN SESSION**

Open session began as soon as matters could be heard.

**6. REPORT OUT ON CLOSED SESSION**

President Van Allen reported that no action was taken by the Board in Closed Session.

**7. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment.

**8. CONSENT AGENDA**

- 8.0.1 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on February 16, 2023
- 8.0.2 Routine Budget Revisions
- 8.0.3 Special Education School Accountability Report Card (SARC)
- 8.0.4 Treasurer's Quarterly Report For the Quarter Ending March 31, 2022
- 8.0.5 Treasurer's Quarterly Report For the Quarter Ending December 31, 2022
- 8.0.6 Donations
- 8.0.7 Surplus Items

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda as presented (Roth/Alto 6-0-0-1).

Ayes:	Acosta, Alto, Nichols, Roth, Sanchez, Van Allen
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	Filicetti

**8.1 DEFERRED CONSENT ITEMS (if required)**

None.

**9. CORRESPONDENCE**

The Board received copies of the 2023 Brown Act Handbook from Lozano Smith.

**10. REPORTS, DISCUSSIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS**

**10.1 Labor Negotiations - "Sunshine" the California School Employees Association (CSEA), Chapter #484, Proposed Changes to three Articles within the 2022-2023 Classified Employee Bargaining Unit Agreement to the Santa Cruz County Superintendent of Schools**

Rory Bruce, President, CSEA Chapter 484, representing classified staff, proposed changes to the following articles within the 2023-2024 Classified Employee Unit Agreement to the Santa Cruz County Superintendent of Schools: Article 11 regarding Pay and Allowances, Article 12 regarding Health & Welfare Benefits, and Article 21 regarding Professional Growth.

**10.2 Labor Negotiations - "Sunshine" with the Santa Cruz County Education Association (SCCEA)**

The Santa Cruz County Office of Education sunshined the 2023-2024 Agreement to the Santa Cruz County Education Association.

**10.3 Labor Negotiations - “Sunshine” with the Santa Cruz County Education Association (CSEA)**

The Santa Cruz County Office of Education sunshined the 2023-2024 Agreement to the California School Employees Association.

**10.4 2021-2022 Fiscal Year Annual Audit Report**

The Board was presented with the 2021-2022 final, audited, prior year financial statements, which the Santa Cruz County Office of Education is required to file with the California Department of Education and the State Controller’s Office.

**10.5 Santa Cruz COE 2022-2023 Second Interim Financial Report**

EDC 1240(j) requires that the Superintendent certify the Second Interim Financial Report and present it to the Board in a public meeting for review prior to filing the report with the State Department of Education.

**10.6 Review County Board of Education’s Effective Governance Handbook (Draft)**

On June 11, 2022, the Board participated in an effective governance workshop conducted by CSBA Consultant, Luan Burman Rivera. A draft handbook was created at the workshop. The Board reviewed this draft handbook.

President Van Allen created an ad hoc committee to add to the handbook draft. Trustee Roth and Trustee Sanchez were appointed to join President Van Allen on this ad hoc committee.

**11. NEW BUSINESS AND ACTION ITEMS**

**11.1 Approve 2023-2024 Santa Cruz COE & Student Programs Calendars**

The Board was asked to approve the 2023-2024 Santa Cruz COE and Student Programs calendars.

A motion was made to approve the 2023-2024 Santa Cruz COE and Student Programs Calendar as presented (Nichols/Roth 6-0-0-1).

Ayes:	Acosta, Alto, Nichols, Roth, Sanchez, Van Allen
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	Filicetti

**11.2 Approval of Resolution #23-06 Recognizing April as Bilingual/Multilingual Advocacy Month**

Forty-two percent of Santa Cruz County's students, TK-12th grade, are multilingual learners: students who are developing proficiency in two or more languages, including students who are learning English as an additional language in school. The Board was asked to adopt Resolution #23-06 recognizes April as National Bilingual/Multilingual Learner Advocacy Month.

A motion was made to adopt Resolution #23-06 recognizes April as National Bilingual/Multilingual Learner Advocacy Month as presented (Roth/Nichols 6-0-0-1).

Ayes: Acosta, Alto, Nichols, Roth, Sanchez, Van Allen  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: Filicetti

**11.3 Approval of Resolution #23-07 in Support of Funding for County Office of Education Operated Juvenile Court and Community Schools**

The at-risk students served by juvenile court and community schools often face unique barriers to academic achievement and social-emotional well-being. The proposed funding change would bring greater equity to these students by ensuring access to robust services and supports. The Board considered adopting Resolution #23-07.

A motion was made to adopt Resolution #23-07 in Support of Funding for County Office of Education Operated Juvenile Court and Community Schools as presented (Nichols/Sanchez 6-0-0-1).

Ayes: Acosta, Alto, Nichols, Roth, Sanchez, Van Allen  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: Filicetti

**11.4 Approval of Resolution #23-08 In Recognition of Environmental Awareness Week**

April 19-23, 2023, is National Environmental Education Week - the nation's largest celebration of environmental education. Schools in Santa Cruz County recognize the central importance of environmental education, and seek to provide learning opportunities and avenues for student engagement in environmental concerns. The Board considered adopting Resolution #23-08.

A motion was made to adopt Resolution #23-08 In Recognition of Environmental Awareness Week as presented (Alto/Nichols 6-0-0-1).

Ayes: Acosta, Alto, Nichols, Roth, Sanchez, Van Allen  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: Filicetti

**11.5 Approval of Resolution #23-09 In Recognition of National Child Abuse Prevention Month**

Each year, millions of reports of child abuse are reported to child protective services in the U.S. Earlier this month, the United Nations called on all governments to prioritize violence prevention as a fundamental part of their COVID-19 response after incidents of domestic violence have significantly increased around the world due to the implementation of global shelter-in-place orders. The Board was asked to adopt Resolution #23-09 in Recognition of National Child Abuse Prevention Month.

A motion was made to adopt Resolution #23-09 in Recognition of National Child Abuse Prevention Month (Sanchez/Roth 6-0-0-1).

Ayes:	Acosta, Alto, Nichols, Roth, Sanchez, Van Allen
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	Filicetti

**11.6 Approval of Resolution #23-10 In Recognition of National Arab American Heritage Month**

For over a century, Arab Americans have been making valuable contributions to virtually every aspect of American society: in medicine, law, business, education, technology, the arts, government, military service, and community culture. The history of Arab Americans in the US. remains neglected or diminished by misconceptions, bigotry, and anti-Arab hate in the forms of crimes and speech. The Board was asked to adopt Resolution #23-10 in Recognition of National Arab American Heritage Month.

A motion was made to adopt Resolution #23-10 in Recognition of National Arab American Heritage Month (Roth/Alto 6-0-0-1).

Ayes:	Acosta, Alto, Nichols, Roth, Sanchez, Van Allen
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	Filicetti

**11.7 FIRST READING: BOARD POLICY**

Modified and new policies may be adopted by the County Board of Education following a first and second reading by the Board. The Board may accept the following proposed policy(ies) as submitted and waive a second reading and move to take action, order changes, or order changes and bring back for a final reading:

BP 1250 Visitors/Outsiders

A motion was made to adopt Board Policy 1250 and waive the second reading (Nichols/Acosta 6-0-0-1).

Ayes:	Acosta, Alto, Nichols, Roth, Sanchez, Van Allen
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	Filicetti

**12. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Superintendent Sabbah provided an update on activities and matters of interest.

**13. TRUSTEE REPORTS (3 minutes each)**

Trustee Van Allen

March 1 - Board Policy Committee Meeting

March 2 - Board Agenda Committee

He also worked on this month's resolution and reviewed the budget.

Trustee Roth:

February 21 - UCSC 39th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr Convocation (Talithia Williams – TED, Nova Wonders, Assoc Dean Research & Experiential Learning & Assoc Prof Mathematics at Harvey Mudd College, STEM & DEI

March 2 - Board Agenda Committee

March 9 - CSBA: Central Coast Advocacy Training with Rachel Wells

March 13 - Board Budget Sub-Committee: Budget Review

March 15 - CSBA Legislative Action Week: Senator John Laird

March 16 - CSBA Legislative Action Week: Assemblywoman Gail Pellerin (Rhiannon Mulligan, Legislative Aide)

Trustee Sanchez:

February 16 - CCBE Executive Committee Meeting

March 10 and 11 - CCBE County Board Governance Workshop

March 14 - CSBA Legislative Action Day - Robert Rivas

Trustee Alto:

March 1 - Board Policy Committee Meeting

She looks forward to working with the Charter Committee next month

Trustee Acosta:

February 25 - Pajaro Valley Unified School District Bilingual Parent Conference

Trustee Nichols:

She worked on this month's resolution.

Trustee Filicetti (Report Sent via Email):

March 1 - Board Policy Committee Meeting

March 1 - Legislative Action Week Briefing & Training

March 9 - Central Coast Advocacy Training

March 13 - Board Budget Committee

March 15 - Asm. Addis prep and LAW meeting, promised a copy of our Resolution

**14. AD HOC/STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTIONS**

No Reports

**15. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND UPCOMING EVENTS**

Santa Cruz County Board of Education  
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April 20, 2023  
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**16. ADJOURNMENT**

President Van Allen adjourned the meeting at 6:20 p.m.



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## SANTA CRUZ COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

### AGENDA ITEM 5.0.2

**Board Meeting Date:** May 18, 2023

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Information

**TO:** Santa Cruz County Board of Education

**FROM:** Administration Department

**SUBJECT:** Unapproved April 20, 2023 Board Minutes

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#### BACKGROUND

Minutes from the April 20, 2023 Board Meeting.

#### FUNDING IMPLICATIONS

None.

#### RECOMMENDATION

Approve the minutes.



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**UNAPPROVED MINUTES**

**1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

Trustees Present:

Bruce Van Allen (President), Rose Filicetti, Sandra Nichols, Sue Roth

Trustees Absent:

Ed Acosta, Alyssa Alto, Abel Sanchez

Staff Present:

Dr. Faris Sabbabh (Secretary), Nick Ibarra, Angela Meeker, Verenise Valentin

**1.1 Board Member Remote Attendance Approval**

No Trustee requested remote attendance approval.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President Van Allen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A motion was made to approve the agenda as presented (Nichols/Filicetti 4-0-0-3).

Ayes: Filicetti, Nichols, Roth, Van Allen

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Acosta, Alto, Sanchez

**4. CLOSED SESSION**

**4.1 Closed Session Disclosure**

President Van Allen disclosed that the Board, in closed session, discussed matters relating to a litigation matter against the Santa Cruz County Office of Education.

**4.2 Closed Session: Litigation Matter**

Superintendent Sabbabh shared a litigation matter with the County Board of Education.

**5. OPEN SESSION**

Open session began as soon as matters could be heard.



**6. REPORT OUT ON CLOSED SESSION**

President Van Allen reported that no action was taken by the Board in Closed Session.

**7. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment.

**8. CONSENT AGENDA**

8.0.1 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on March 16, 2023

8.0.2 Routine Budget Revisions

8.0.3 Migrant Head Start Application for Federal Assistance Policy Council/Committee and Board Approval Verification Council/Committee and Board Approval Verification

8.0.4 Donations

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda as presented and move action on item 8.0.1 to the regular May meeting (Filicetti/Nichols 4-0-0-3).

Ayes: Filicetti, Nichols, Roth, Van Allen

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Acosta, Alto, Sanchez

**8.1 DEFERRED CONSENT ITEMS (if required)**

None.

**9. CORRESPONDENCE**

The Board was informed that they should be expecting correspondence from Luan Rivera, CSBA Consultant, in the next few days in regards to the Special Board Meeting.

**10. REPORTS, DISCUSSIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS**

**10.1 Enrollment Data**

According to updated data released April 7 by the California Department of Education, there are about 5.9 million students enrolled in public schools this school year, close to 40,000 fewer students than last year or a 0.7 percent drop. Superintendent Sabbah shared an update on enrollment data for Santa Cruz County.

Trustees asked clarifying questions.

**11. NEW BUSINESS AND ACTION ITEMS**

**11.1 Review County Board of Education's Effective Governance Handbook (Draft)**

On June 11, 2022, the Board participated in an effective governance workshop conducted by CSBA Consultant, Luan Burman Rivera. A draft handbook was created at the workshop. The Board reviewed the draft handbook.

No action was taken.

**11.2 Approval of Resolution #23-11 Recognizing Jewish American Heritage Month**

May is Jewish American Heritage Month, a month that provides an opportunity for all people to appreciate the achievements and contributions of Jewish Americans throughout history. The Santa Cruz COE encourages staff, students, and community members to remember, celebrate, and educate future generations about Jewish Americans and the importance of their role in communities across our Nation. The Board considered adoption of Resolution #23-11, recognizing the month of May as Jewish American Heritage Month.

A motion was made to approve Resolution #23-11 Recognizing Jewish American Heritage Month, with a minor change (Nichols/Roth 4-0-0-3).

Ayes: Filicetti, Nichols, Roth, Van Allen  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: Acosta, Alto, Sanchez

**11.3 Approve Resolution #23-12 Proclaiming May 8-12, 2023 For Flying the Rainbow Flag and Honoring Harvey Milk Day**

Harvey Milk Day was established by the California legislature and signed into law by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger in 2009. Harvey Milk was the first openly gay elected official in the history of California. The Santa Cruz County Office of Education celebrates Harvey Milk Day and invites all educational institutions, organizations, companies and individuals across Santa Cruz to fly the rainbow flag from May 8-12, 2023 in honor of Harvey Milk Day, and encourages teachers to teach lessons about LGBTQ+ history during this week in their classrooms aligned with the State History Framework. The Board considered adopting Resolution #23-12.

A motion was made to approve Resolution #23-12 Proclaiming May 8-12, 2023 For Flying the Rainbow Flag and Honoring Harvey Milk Day (Nichols/Filicetti 4-0-0-3).

Ayes: Filicetti, Nichols, Roth, Van Allen  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: Acosta, Alto, Sanchez

**11.4 Adopt Resolution #23-13 In Support of Day of the Teacher**

Education Code, Section 372229(a), specifies the Second Wednesday in May as the Day of the Teacher, a day having special significance. All public schools and educational institutions are encouraged to observe those days, and, specifically on the Day of the Teacher, conduct exercises commemorating and directing attention to the teachers and the teaching profession. The Board was asked to adopt Resolution #23-13.

A motion was made to approve Resolution #23-13 In Support of Day of the Teacher (Roth/Filicetti 4-0-0-3).

Ayes: Filicetti, Nichols, Roth, Van Allen  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: Acosta, Alto, Sanchez

**11.5 Adopt Resolution #23-14 In Support of Classified Employees Week**

California Senate Bill 1552, passed in 1984, decreed the third full week in May as California School Employees' Week in official recognition of the services and dedication of classified school employees. The Board was asked to adopt Resolution #23-14.

A motion was made to approve Resolution #23-14 In Support of Classified Employees Week (Roth/Nichols 4-0-0-3).

Ayes:	Filicetti, Nichols, Roth, Van Allen
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	Acosta, Alto, Sanchez

**11.6 Approval of Resolution #23-15 Recognizing May as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month**

The month of May is recognized as National Asian-American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month to recognize and honor the contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in the United States as designated by the United States Congress since 1992. The Santa Cruz County Office of Education renews its commitment to the safety and wellbeing of all ethnic populations including Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. The Board considered adoption of Resolution #23-15, recognizing the month of May as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

A motion was made to approve Resolution #23-15 Recognizing May as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month (Filicetti/Roth 4-0-0-3).

Ayes:	Filicetti, Nichols, Roth, Van Allen
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	Acosta, Alto, Sanchez

**11.7 Approval of Resolution #23-16 Recognizing Mental Health Awareness Month**

Each year millions of Americans face the reality of living with a mental illness — a challenge that has been exponentially exacerbated by the isolation and extreme stress many have dealt with in the past year as a result of the pandemic and precautions taken to slow the spread of the virus. The Board considered adoption of Resolution #23-16, proclaiming the month of May as Mental Health Awareness Month and expressing support of students and staff challenged by mental illness.

A motion was made to approve Resolution #23-16 Recognizing Mental Health Awareness Month, with a minor change to the language (Filicetti/Nichols 4-0-0-3).

Ayes:	Filicetti, Nichols, Roth, Van Allen
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	Acosta, Alto, Sanchez

**11.8 Approval of Resolution #23-17 Board Compensation For Missed Meetings**

Each member of the Santa Cruz County Board of Education may receive the maximum monthly compensation for participation in Board meetings as provided for in Education Code 35120. A member may be compensated for meetings he/she/they missed when the Board, by resolution, finds that he/she/they was performing designated services for the district at the time of the meeting or that he/she/they was absent because of illness, jury duty, or a hardship deemed acceptable by the Board. (Education Code 35120)

A motion was made to approve Resolution #23-17 Board Compensation For Missed Meetings (Filicetti/Nichols 4-0-0-3).

Ayes:	Filicetti, Nichols, Roth, Van Allen
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	Acosta, Alto, Sanchez

**12. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Superintendent Sabbah provided an update on activities and matters of interest.

**13. TRUSTEE REPORTS (3 minutes each)**

Trustee Van Allen

April 4 - Board Agenda Committee

He also worked on this month's resolution and reviewed the handbook.

Trustee Roth:

March 27 - Santa Cruz County Board and PCS Spring Charter Subcommittee Meeting

April 4 - Santa Cruz County Board Sub-Committee Board Handbook

April 4 - Santa Cruz County Board Agenda Meeting

April 10 - Meeting

Trustee Nichols:

She worked on this month's resolution.

Trustee Filicetti:

March 1 - Board Policy Committee Meeting

March 1 - Legislative Action Week Briefing & Training

March 9 - Central Coast Advocacy Training

March 13 - Board Budget Committee

March 15 - Asm. Addis prep and LAW meeting, promised a copy of our Resolution

April 7 - Shared a copy of our signed Resolution to Julie Cravotto, representative for Dawn Addis.

April 20 - following AB 906 through the Legislative Cycle: on February 23, the Assembly referred it to the Committee on Education. No action since.

**14. AD HOC/STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTIONS**

Charter Subcommittee (Presented by Trustee Roth)

The meeting included the following topics:

- Lottery/enrollment update
- Summer plans
- PBIS work

SCZCSBA Report (Presented by Trustee Roth)

The meeting included the following topics:

- Discussion with Chris Reeve, CSBA Legislative Director
- Review of SCZCSBA Bylaws, Mission Statement, Website
- Suggestions for topics for future meetings
- District Updates

**15. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND UPCOMING EVENTS**

Santa Cruz County Board of Education  
Regular Meeting  
May 18, 2023  
4:00 p.m.

Santa Cruz County Board of Education  
Special Meeting: Board Self-Evaluation  
May 20, 2023  
9:00 a.m.

Countywide Black Graduation  
May 20, 2023  
3:00 p.m.

COE Alternative and Special Education Graduations  
May 22 - May 26, 2023

Santa Cruz County Board of Education  
Regular Meeting  
June 15, 2023  
4:00 p.m.

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

President Van Allen adjourned the meeting at 6:11 p.m.



## SANTA CRUZ COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

### AGENDA ITEM 5.0.3

**Board Meeting Date:** May 18, 2023

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**Information**

**TO:** Santa Cruz County Board of Education

**FROM:** Angela Meeker, Interim Associate Superintendent, Educational Services  
Diane Munoz, Childhood Advisory Council Community Organizer

**SUBJECT:** Childhood Advisory Council of Santa Cruz County, Universal  
Pre-Kindergarten Mixed Delivery Planning Grant

#### BACKGROUND

The Santa Cruz County Office of Education, Mixed Delivery Planning Grant will convene a workgroup that will include school district representatives, early learning and care stakeholders and community-based organizations to plan a Universal Pre-Kindergarten before and after school care mixed delivery system for the county.

The Childhood Advisory Council will lead the planning according to UPK state requirements and parameters that will include, but not limited to, Title 5 standards, coordinated services and referrals for families to health and social support services. In addition to inclusion of children with exceptional needs and expanding workforce and retention strategies.

Grant implementation will begin on July 1, 2023 and end on June 30, 2025.

#### FUNDING IMPLICATIONS

Included here.

#### RECOMMENDATION

Approve the grant.

**Childhood Advisory Council of Santa Cruz County, a Division of the  
Santa Cruz County Office of Education  
Universal Pre-Kindergarten Mixed Delivery Planning Grant  
Funded by the Department of Education, Early Education Division**

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Grant amount: \$202,008.00.

# UPK Mixed Delivery Planning Grant – Request for Data

## Applicant Information

**Lead Agency:** Santa Cruz County Superintendent of Schools - Childhood Advisory Council

**Entity Type:** LPC

## RFD Responses

- 1. Describe how the lead agency will partner with grantees of the UPK P&I Grant (both COEs and LEAs) to ensure that activities conducted under this grant meet community needs for UPK in a mixed-delivery system:***

This UPK Mixed Delivery planning grant was awarded to Santa Cruz County Office of Education (SSCOE). The county's Local Planning Council administered by SCCOE, as well the Resource and Referral (R & R). SCCOE holds UPK Planning & Implementation Grant and Early Educator Teacher Development Grant as well as other workforce and inclusion grants. SCCOE, including our Superintendent Faris Sabbah, has a deep commitment to early childhood education programs providing a rich soil from which to grow the collaborations and partnerships supporting integration and coordination of information and services. SCCOE holds standing leadership meetings with LEA's and Early Childhood Administrators and Educators. Superintendents meetings include all LEA's in the county at various administrative positions; Superintendents, Assistant Superintendents. The Early Childhood meetings include; local Childhood Advisory Council, Subsidized Programs Consortium Meetings and the Inclusion Early Education Early Education Expansion Program Leadership. These meetings are most often structured to allow two way communication and networking amongst the groups. SCCOE will now build on these relationships to create formalized workgroups for planning and later implementation in support of the county's strong mixed delivery system. Bringing LEA leadership and ECE leadership, along with Teachers and FCCH providers together will be the next step in setting up the workgroup. Stipends will be considered for participation by eligible stakeholders. In addition SCCOE has access to valuable sources of data to support decision with in the workgroup; LPC priorities report, Head Start and CDE Subsidized programs data and needs assessments, results from various workforce and stakeholder surveys as well as ongoing input from families though the SCCOE's Child Development Resource Center. SCCOE will consider hiring additional staff to support the coordination, outreach and reporting needed to fulfill the grants requirements. We feel confident we have the structure and participation to provide the needed variety of voices and perspectives for this collaboration.



**Describe how the lead agency will partner to plan, align, coordinate, and conduct the activities described below with all LEAs in the county who are grantees of the UPK P&I Grant:**

- 2. Plan for the provision of high-quality UPK options for three- and four-year-old children through a mixed-delivery system that ensures access to high-quality full- and part-day learning experiences, coordinated services, and referrals for families to access health and social-emotional support services. Indicators of quality shall meet California Education Code EC Section 8203 and be regulated by Title 5:***

Santa Cruz County Office of Education is not a direct service provider for programs for three and four year old children. SCCOE does however play an active role in working with all early care and education entities to ensure agencies and individual providers receive timely notification of funding opportunities. SCCOE works with these agencies as well on strategies to recruit families for enrollment in programs. Information and technical assistance is provided by SCCOE through the Childhood Advisory Council (CAC) Subsidized Program Consortium, Monday Morning Childcare Briefing, and Child Development Resource Center(CDRC). These standing meetings assist local agencies in taking advantage of all opportunities for increasing slots and services. Head Start and CA State Services that receive subsidized funds are required to conduct a needs assessment and take action to refer and follow up on family support needed in health, social emotional, and social services areas, including food insufficiency and housing. Speakers, focus topics and discussions within the forums are valuable, many recently have been on topics of Trauma, Mental Health Stress and Coping. The networking that takes place in these meetings are a rich catalyst for coordination. In addition to the meetings that SCCOE convenes, staff from the SCCOE CAC participates in other county wide efforts to coordinate and align services. These meetings include the Children's Network (United Way), Thrive by Five ( First 5),and South County COVID Triage. CDRC refers to families for early care and education services. This includes letting families know about the many childcare and preschool options, as well as Transitional Kindergarten locations and enrollment contacts. CDRC maintains a north and south county office. The south county office is housed within the Go Kids Inc. complex which administers the Santa Cruz County Alternative Payment Program. APP provides funding to family child care providers and center based programs to serve income eligible families.

- 3. Partner with LEAs to plan for increasing inclusion of children with exceptional needs in UPK:***

Santa Cruz COE has been active in promoting inclusion of children with exceptional needs in early care and education for many years. The multi year Inclusion Early Education Expansion Grant Program provides regular Leadership meetings which includes leadership from CSPP and CCTR, APP, Head Start, Migrant Head Start, and private programs. South and North County SELPA, SPIN (Special Education Information Network) and Regional Centers are members of this team. This group will continue to meet. The following training has been offered to support inclusion efforts; Universal Design for Learning, Beginning Together, Inclusive Teaching Pyramid, Teaching Pyramid and Trauma Informed Care, and Inclusion Works!. Coaching, teaming and administrative support has been offered for these efforts. Support for understanding IEPs was offered. ACES Aware training has been offered both in English and Spanish to providers. Surveys to instructional staff to assess their confidence and needs for providing inclusive services have been conducted, informing the topics, and types of professional development needed. Recently the SCCOE Child Development Programs division offered workshops on working with children with Autism and children with Speech and Language delay in response to teacher requests. Data is collected annually through this grant on numbers of children with IFSP and IEP being served and the types of disability of the enrolled children. Clarity and streamlining of referral, diagnosis and services process has been a prioritized request from child development programs. In response SCCOE developed a referral flow chart which has been shared to illustrate the referral process. Referral forms were shared by Head Start with the group and then adapted to one that can be used by all programs. These documents have been shared with programs and will be posted on the updated SCCOE website.

***4. Partner with LEAs to plan for assisting existing and aspiring UPK site supervisors, teachers, and other support staff in identifying and accessing local workforce pathway programs, including financial support programs, to increase the number of site supervisors, teachers, and other support staff who have the required credentials and degrees:***

As part of the Mixed Delivery effort, Santa Cruz County Office will continue to offer the extensive support for all levels of UPK staff to obtain and advance on career pathways. The Child Development Programs through the Workforce Development Pathway Grant has assessed workforce needs through their AB212 assessments provided the following information to guide workforce pathway efforts; 90% of the workforce for ECE in the county are English Language Learners with first language of Spanish. 80% of teachers work in a Bilingual child care/preschool while 20% work in an English only setting. Spanish language support is always offered in training by SCCOE, either by dual sessions or simultaneous translation. SCCOE has provided reimbursement to ECE providers

for general education courses, books and tuition as well as stipends for credit completion. Leadership from the Child Development Programs Department serve on the Cabrillo Advisory Board. Offerings starting this year allowing more access to classes. Information on additional options for education has been shared with programs and teachers. SCCOE maintains a partnership with San Jose State and CSUMB to support further advancement in units. Development of English at the level required for success in general education courses has been a significant barrier for many of our teachers, therefore linking teachers to ESL classes either at district Adult Education level or through Community College is critical. The SCCOE has a credentialing office that is available to calls and appointments to provide direct support for individuals in obtaining and renewing credentials and permits. Retention needs to be addressed as well when discussing workforce. The SCCOE in partnership with ECE agencies it serves have attempted to address this through numerous support strategies. SCCOE partners with the Santa Cruz County Workforce Development Board in recruiting individuals to consider early childhood as a career.

***5. Partner with LEAs to plan for providing outreach services and enrollment support for families of three- and four-year-old children to meet family needs and provide those children with high-quality full- and part-day learning experiences:***

The Child Development Resource Center (CDRC) R & R in Santa Cruz County is administered by SCCOE. This provides tremendous involvement, collaboration and alignment to the various services described in the questions above. CDRC has bilingual staff available to provide program options and contacts to families calling to find out about services. The ECE programs collaborations mentioned in the other questions are provided with posters containing tear off cards with CDRC phone number to access. CDRC staff participate in community events and meetings to further provide this information. The CDRC also has contact information on the SCCOE website. What to look for in finding quality care is shared with families. The program director of CDRC attends various collaborative meetings and provides input on how CDRC can support. Recently CDRC engaged in refreshing their outreach materials and created an outreach plan with the support of a Social Media Publicity company. A new website with some improved application features will support CDRC by collecting input from early childhood programs annually on how to improve services. These suggestions are included in their planning. Families on an ongoing basis provide feedback to CDRC on successes and frustrations in obtaining early care and education services. CDRC also participates in recruitment of family childcare homes by supporting and encouraging individuals to obtain licensure required for operations. CDRC leadership interface with the Department of Social Services, ensuring programs receive timely notifications of regulations and guidance.

**6. Describe in detail how the applicant will partner with Tribes to reflect family and Tribal community needs, as sovereign nations, in the planning and implementation of the UPK mixed-delivery system:**

SCCOE will reach out to the two tribal groups in the area and invite representatives to join the Mixed Delivery workforce group. The Amah Mutsun Tribal Band composed of descendants of the Ohlone People oversees a land trust in the county and has a website with board members listed. We will reach out to this group and these individuals. South county area has the Pajaro Valley Ohlone Indian Council which has members from the Chumash, Salinan, Rumsen, Chippewa, Apache, Esselen, Navajo, Yaqui and Lakota. Tribal activities have been elevated in the county through various dance groups including the Ohlone Dances that frequently perform and participate in community activities. The Mixed Delivery workforce provides an opportunity to connect with tribal peoples of our county and ensure early care and education services are meeting the needs of their communities. Beyond invitation to the workgroup SCCOE will explore hosting focus groups, attending existing meetings of the tribes and other measures to ensure connection.



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## SANTA CRUZ COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

### AGENDA ITEM 7.1

**Board Meeting Date:** May 18, 2023

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Information

**TO:** Santa Cruz County Board of Education

**FROM:** Dr. Faris Sabbah, County Superintendent of Schools

**SUBJECT:** Santa Cruz County Office of Education Retirement Recognitions

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#### BACKGROUND

The Board will recognize the important contributions of the following Santa Cruz County Office of Education employees who are planning to retire in the 2022-2023 school year.

#### FUNDING IMPLICATIONS

None.

#### RECOMMENDATION

Receive the presentation.



## SANTA CRUZ COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

### AGENDA ITEM 7.2

**Board Meeting Date:** May 18, 2023

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Information

**TO:** Santa Cruz County Board of Education

**FROM:** Dr. Faris Sabbah, County Superintendent of Schools  
Jason Borgen, Chief Technology and Innovation Officer  
Stephanie Sumara, EdTech & Innovation Coach  
Elizabeth Shaw, Computer Science Pathway Coordinator

**SUBJECT:** Recognizing 2023 Santa Cruz County Congressional App Winner

### BACKGROUND

The Congressional App Challenge is among the most prestigious prizes in student computer science. Every year, the U.S. Congress challenges students in their districts to create and submit their original apps for a chance to win this distinguished award. Pacific Collegiate School student, Toma Brasoveanu, won the first prize for our Congressional district in California! He designed his app, Pill Alarm, to provide people a better way of monitoring personal medication, and offer scheduled reminders based on their specific medical needs. Toma will share the details of his app, his experience in DC, and be recognized by our County Board.

### FUNDING IMPLICATIONS

None.

### RECOMMENDATION

Receive the presentation.



## SANTA CRUZ COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

### AGENDA ITEM 7.3

**Board Meeting Date:** May 18, 2023

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**Information**

**TO:** Santa Cruz County Board of Education

**FROM:** Dr. Faris Sabbah, County Superintendent of Schools

**SUBJECT:** 2023 Educators and Community Partner of the Year

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### BACKGROUND

Each year, the Santa Cruz County Board of Education celebrates the accomplishments of teachers, classified employees, administrators, school counselors and a local Community Partner. Award recipients are nominated by their peers and will be awarded a plaque of outstanding achievement by Superintendent Sabbah.

**Award Recipients:** Maria Ferreira, Teacher of the Year, Santa Cruz COE  
Paige Lynd, Classified Employee of the Year, Happy Valley  
Jose Morelos, Counselor of the Year, PVUSD  
Melissa Nix, Administrator of the Year, Live Oak School District  
Craig Broadhurst, Administrator of the Year, SUESD  
NAMI of Santa Cruz County, Community Partner of the Year

### FUNDING IMPLICATIONS

None.

### RECOMMENDATION

Receive the presentation.



## SANTA CRUZ COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

### AGENDA ITEM 8.1

**Board Meeting Date:** May 18, 2023

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**Information**

**TO:** Santa Cruz County Board of Education

**FROM:** Sandra Nichols, Chair, Community Outreach and Legislation Committee

**SUBJECT:** Approval of Resolution #23-18 Recognizing LGBTQ+ Pride Month

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#### BACKGROUND

Earlier this month, the Santa Cruz County Office of Education, alongside all ten school districts, raised the Progress Flag in honor of Harvey Milk Day. The Progress Flag is a visual representation of acceptance and inclusion. The Santa Cruz County Board of Education and County Superintendent proclaims June as LGBTQ+ Pride Month to inspire equity, create alliances, celebrate diversity, and establish safe environments in our schools and communities throughout the county. The Board will consider adopting Resolution #23-18 Recognizing Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer (LGBTQ+) Pride Month.

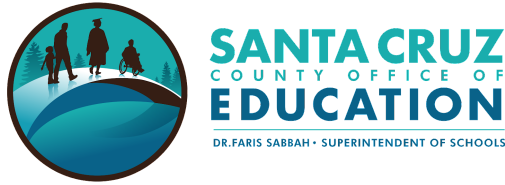
#### FUNDING IMPLICATIONS

None.

#### RECOMMENDATION

Approve Resolution #23-18





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**RESOLUTION #23-18**  
**RECOGNIZING LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER, QUEER (LGBTQ+)**  
**PRIDE MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, June is a time to celebrate our dynamic LGBTQ+ community, raise awareness of quality services, and foster a dialogue to promote healthy, safe, and prosperous school climate and communities for all; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 50 years have passed since the June, 1969, Stonewall riots in New York City, and the birth of an activist movement; and

**WHEREAS**, June is recognized and celebrated as LGBTQ+ pride month throughout the country and worldwide;

**WHEREAS**, California state law now addresses discrimination, harassment, intimidation, and bullying towards LGBTQ+ youth; and

**WHEREAS**, there have been numerous studies indicating the inequities experienced by the LGBTQ+ community, including poverty, homelessness, school harassment, physical assault, domestic violence, hate crimes, mental health issues, and substance abuse concerns; and

**WHEREAS**, bullying in schools is a serious matter that impacts student health and safety, and the Santa Cruz County Office of Education (Santa Cruz COE) supports and advocates for a model of safe and inclusive schools, for all students and especially for LGBTQ+ students, articulating our vision as “when students feel safe, supported and included in school, their learning increases, their engagement increases and more students graduate from high school who are college and career ready”; and

**WHEREAS**, the Santa Cruz COE has an LGBTQ+ Task Force composed of representatives from all school districts, charter schools and independent schools in Santa Cruz County, and the task force meets quarterly to identify the ongoing needs of our LGBTQ+ students; and

**WHEREAS**, recent events have raised awareness of LGBTQ+ issues including the Santa Cruz COE LGBTQ+ History Month Kickoff in October, the Rainbow Flag Raising and Harvey Milk

Resolution #23-18 Recognizing Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer (LGBTQ+) Pride Month  
Santa Cruz County Board of Education  
May 18, 2023

Day Celebration in May, and the Santa Cruz COE's release of the Top 40 LGBTQ+ Books that Every School Library Should Have in 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, the Santa Cruz COE website, [santacruzcoe.org](http://santacruzcoe.org), on a page entitled “Supporting the Safety of LGBTQ+ Students and Families” lists supportive resources for LGBTQ+ students, their teachers and principals, their families and our community;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Santa Cruz County Board of Education and County Superintendent proclaim June as LGBTQ+ Pride Month to inspire equity, create alliances, celebrate diversity, and establish safe environments in our schools and communities throughout the county.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Santa Cruz County Board of Education on this 18th day of May, 2023, by the following vote:

**AYES:**

**NAYS:**

**ABSENT:**

**ABSTAIN:**

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Bruce Van Allen, Board President  
Santa Cruz County Board of Education

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Dr. Faris M. Sabbah, Secretary  
County Superintendent of Schools



## SANTA CRUZ COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

### AGENDA ITEM 8.2

**Board Meeting Date:** May 18, 2023

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**Information**

**TO:** Santa Cruz County Board of Education

**FROM:** Sandra Nichols, Chair, Community Outreach and Legislation Committee

**SUBJECT:** Approval of Resolution #23-19 Recognizing Juneteenth

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#### BACKGROUND

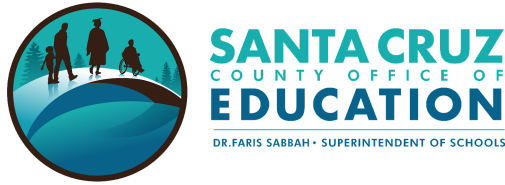
Established as a federally recognized holiday in 2021, Juneteenth commemorates the emancipation of enslaved people in the United States. It was first celebrated in Texas on June 19, 1866, exactly one year after Major General Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston, Texas, and declared that enslaved people had been freed by the Emancipation Proclamation. The will consider adopting Resolution #23-19 Recognizing Juneteenth.

#### FUNDING IMPLICATIONS

None.

#### RECOMMENDATION

Approve Resolution #23-19



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## **RESOLUTION #23-19**

### **RECOGNIZING JUNETEENTH**

**WHEREAS**, June 19th is nationally recognized as Juneteenth — the oldest known American celebration of the ending of slavery; and

**WHEREAS**, more than two years after the Emancipation Proclamation of January 1, 1863, Union soldiers arrived in Galveston, Texas, on June 19th to announce the Civil War had ended and the enslaved were now free; and

**WHEREAS**, Juneteenth celebrations have since been held to commemorate African American freedom from slavery, and honoring this day, more than 150 years later, helps us learn our history and better understand the experiences of African Americans that shaped this nation; and

**WHEREAS**, Juneteenth celebrations have become a tradition shared by Black Americans to celebrate community resiliency and Black American cultural achievements; and

**WHEREAS**, the Santa Cruz County Office of Education (Santa Cruz COE) advocates for the continuance of the tradition of celebrating Juneteenth to acknowledge and condemn the atrocities and degradation of our shared past and honors this day of resilience in the face of injustice and inhumanity for present and future generations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Santa Cruz COE acknowledges the historical relevance of this significant event and the generational trauma that accompanies being subject to racism, discrimination, and prejudice as a barrier to positive mental and physical health and well-being, economic opportunity, and academic achievement; and

**WHEREAS**, the Santa Cruz COE remains committed to improving student equity and access to high quality education as well as to providing quality support to districts, schools, students, and communities;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Santa Cruz County Board of Education and the County Superintendent of Schools recognize and honor June 19, 2023 as Juneteenth and remain committed to inspire equity, create alliances, celebrate diversity, and establish safe environments in our schools and communities throughout the county.

Resolution #23-19 Recognizing Juneteenth  
Santa Cruz County Board of Education  
May 18, 2023

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Santa Cruz County Board of Education on this 18th day of May, 2023, by the following vote:

**AYES:**

**NAYS:**

**ABSENT:**

**ABSTAIN:**

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Bruce Van Allen, Board President  
Santa Cruz County Board of Education

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Dr. Faris M. Sabbah, Secretary  
County Superintendent of Schools



## SANTA CRUZ COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

### AGENDA ITEM 8.3

**Board Meeting Date:** May 18, 2023

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**Information**

**TO:** Santa Cruz County Board of Education

**FROM:** Liann Reyes, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services

**SUBJECT:** Approval of Resolution #23-20 Authorizing Inter-Fund Transfer and Designation Of Fund Balance As Committed

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### BACKGROUND

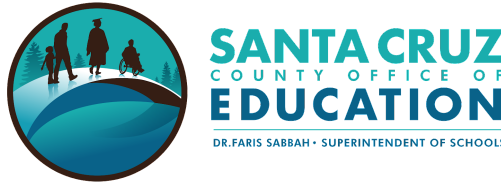
The Board of Education of the Santa Cruz County Office of Education acknowledges its authority to commit, assign, or evaluate existing fund-balance classifications and identify the intended uses of committed or assigned funds. The Board of Education will annually transfer revenues received into the General Fund 01 to the Deferred Maintenance Fund 14 until this resolution is amended or the targeted balance in the fund is \$1,000,000. Should anticipated maintenance projects cause the Fund 14 Deferred Maintenance balance to drop below the \$1,000,000 target, funds in an amount no less than \$200,000 annually will be transferred from the General Fund to the Deferred Maintenance Fund until the \$1,000,000 targeted balance is reached. The Santa Cruz County Office of Education will have the flexibility to contribute amounts greater than minimum \$200,000 per year should it elect to, as well as have an ending fund balance in the Deferred Maintenance Fund that exceeds the \$1,000,000 target. The Board is asked to approve Resolution #23-20

### FUNDING IMPLICATIONS

Included herein.

### RECOMMENDATION

Approve Resolution #23-20



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**RESOLUTION #23-20**  
**AUTHORIZING INTER-FUND TRANSFER AND DESIGNATION OF FUND**  
**BALANCE AS COMMITTED**

**WHEREAS**, the Governmental Standards Accounting Board (GASB) has issued Statement No. 54, Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions, establishing a hierarchy clarifying constraints that govern how a government entity can use amounts reported as fund balance; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education of the Santa Cruz County Office of Education acknowledges its authority to commit, assign, or evaluate existing fund-balance classifications and identify the intended uses of committed or assigned funds; and

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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education will annually transfer revenues received into the General Fund 01 to the Deferred Maintenance Fund 14 until this resolution is amended or the targeted balance in the fund is \$1,000,000. Should anticipated maintenance projects cause the Fund 14 Deferred Maintenance balance to drop below the \$1,000,000 target, funds in an amount no less than \$200,000 annually will be transferred from the General Fund to the Deferred Maintenance Fund until the \$1,000,000 targeted balance is reached. The Santa Cruz County Office of Education will have the flexibility to contribute amounts greater than minimum \$200,000 per year should it elect to, as well as have an ending fund balance in the Deferred Maintenance Fund that exceeds the \$1,000,000 target.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, The Board hereby commits the fund balance of Fund 14 Deferred Maintenance for the purpose of completing Deferred Maintenance Projects.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that such funds cannot be used for any purposes other than directed above, unless the Board adopts a successor resolution to revise or remove the constraint, or otherwise redirect the funds for other purposes; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Superintendent, or designee, is hereby authorized and directed to finalize the amounts to be committed for the purposes directed above based on the unaudited actual financial report commencing with fiscal year 2022-23 and no later than September 15 each fiscal year. Committed fund balance does not lapse at year-end.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Santa Cruz County Board of Education on this 18th day of May, 2023, by the following vote:

**AYES:**

**NAYS:**

**ABSENT:**

**ABSTAIN:**

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Bruce Van Allen, Board President  
Santa Cruz County Board of Education

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Dr. Faris M. Sabbah, Secretary  
County Superintendent of Schools

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, Clerk, Board of Trustees, Santa Cruz County Office of Education, Santa Cruz County, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by said Board at a regular meeting thereof held at its regular place of meeting at the time and by the vote stated, which resolution is on file in the office of said Board.

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Clerk, Board of Trustees