



Santa Clara County Office of Education

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

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Dear Santa Clara County Community,

Today, in a landmark decision, the United States Supreme Court ruled that the Trump administration may not immediately proceed with its plan to end the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, a program protecting about 700,000 young immigrants known as Dreamers from deportation. The Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program may continue and “Dreamers” may remain in the United States.

Dreamers represent the hope and promise of opportunity and potential, and they are an important and essential part of our community in Santa Clara County and throughout the United States. Across the country 1.5 million individuals live in households with DACA recipients, including 250,000 U.S.- born children. Each year, DACA recipients and their households contribute \$5.6 billion in federal taxes and \$3.1 billion in state and local taxes. Dreamers are educators, students, parents, business owners, healthcare professionals and frontline workers. They serve our country and defend our freedoms, and we are richer, stronger and more capable because of their invaluable contributions.

“During uncertain times, this ruling provides peace of mind to hundreds of thousands of young immigrants, and brings a sense of relief and hope for a bright future,” said Claudia Rossi, President of the Santa Clara County Board of Education.

In Santa Clara County, up to 50,000 individuals were eligible for DACA in 2016. The DACA program has paved the way for many students from preschool to university to receive a quality education. It has richly contributed to the county’s diversity, and strengthened our community.

As an agency, we applaud the United States Supreme Court’s historic decision to protect hundreds of thousands of deserving DACA recipients across the country. We are committed to serving, inspiring, and promoting public school success for all students, and we will continue to work with our community partners to ensure immigrants are welcomed, valued, and given equal educational opportunities.

Recognizing the importance of creating an environment to engage in safe and meaningful dialogue, SCCOE has worked with districts and schools to develop initiatives such as [My Name, My Identity](#) and other [civic engagement](#) opportunities to further address issues of immigration and uplift student voice. The [Safe Schools & Resources for Undocumented Students](#) and our website for [migrant education](#) contain resources for the community. For other resources within Santa Clara County, please click on the link below.

<https://www.sccgov.org/sites/oir/Pages/resources.aspx>

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary Ann Dewan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "M".

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