

**Land Acknowledgment Script**  
**Board Meeting**  
**November 17, 2021**

The San Mateo County Board of Education, in joint partnership with the San Mateo County Superintendent of Schools, wants to open tonight's meeting by bringing attention to the fact that the land on which we live and serve is the unceded ancestral homeland of the Ramaytush (rah-MY-toosh) Ohlone people. The Ramaytush Ohlone lived in ten independent tribes on the San Francisco Peninsula for thousands of years and to this day continue to live here as respectful stewards of the land.

Due to the devastating policies and practices of a succession of explorers, missionaries, settlers, and various levels of government over the centuries since European expansion, the Ramaytush Ohlone lost the vast majority of their population as well as their land. Contemporary members of these tribes continue to research, preserve, and share their history and culture.

The County Board of Education and County Superintendent of Schools express our respect and gratitude for the work of the Ramaytush Ohlone to educate residents about their history and the continuing contributions of the Ohlone people. Last year, the County Office of Education created and promoted a variety of educational resources about the Ramaytush and other indigenous people of our state. We look to developing a strong partnership with the Association of Ramaytush Ohlone to expand opportunities for learning about the Ramaytush and promote stewardship of the environment, a shared priority of both the Ramaytush and the County Office of Education.