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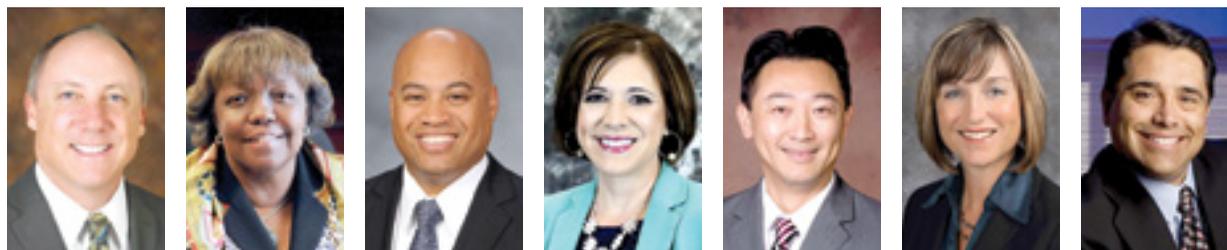
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**Kay Coop**  
Founder / Publisher



This is our 1st Edition highlighting each of the district superintendents in the Riverside County K-12 public schools. Our mission is to introduce each superintendent with their brief message to encourage you to visit their individual web sites for indepth information.

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## Alvord Unified School District

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### Transforming the Educational Landscape



**Dr. Sid Salazar**  
Superintendent

In Alvord Unified School District, we believe that everyone has the right to a world-class education. We are honored to serve a community enriched by its diversity, encompassing the western portion of the City of Riverside, the eastern portion of the city of Corona, and segments of unincorporated parts of Riverside County. On a daily basis, each of our 23 schools provide our nearly 20,000 students with the relevant, engaging, and innovative learning experiences necessary to inspire them to fulfill their own unlimited potential.

Using an asset-based approach and building on the belief that excellence is within everyone, we seek student voice and empower teachers to lead as we support a collective focus on Literacy and Equity. Literacy is a vital component of college and career readiness, and our district-wide plan outlines the steps necessary to ensure that students gain the ability to read, write, and communicate with competence and confidence in the 21st century.

As a learning organization committed to addressing the unique needs of each student, Alvord is proud to offer and grow a number of programs such as Dual Language Immersion (DLI), International Baccalaureate (IB), Project Lead The Way (PLTW), Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID), Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM), Alliance for a Healthier Generation, and a music program beginning with instrumental music in the elementary grades, each taught by dedicated, highly qualified teachers.

Capitalizing on the belief that success is our shared responsibility, we empower every individual to collectively transform the educational landscape.

## Beaumont Unified School District

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### A Well-Earned Reputation



**Terrence A. Davis**  
Superintendent

Beaumont Unified School District is located in the central part of Riverside County in Southern California. The District proudly serves over 9,800 students through our six elementary schools, two middle schools, one comprehensive high school, one alternative high school, and one adult education program. Our District has developed a well-earned reputation for providing highly regarded educational and county-leading extracurricular programs in order to meet the demands of our talented students.

Our outstanding educational programs emphasize that students must develop lifelong skills and learn how to integrate them into higher order thinking abilities which involves critical thinking, communication, collaboration, creativity, character, and citizenship. In order to achieve this goal, as an educational organization we must clearly articulate our focus on students by listening to different perspectives, and challenging assumptions on how we create a climate where we use this information to enhance the lives of our students.

Beaumont Unified is a place where home, school, and community thrive together.

## Banning Unified School District

161 West Williams St., Banning, CA 92220 • 951/922-2706 • www.banning.k12.ca.us

### One of the Oldest Districts in County



**Robert T. Guillen**  
Superintendent

Banning Unified School District, one of the oldest districts in Riverside County, serves a three hundred square mile area. It encompasses Cabazon, White Water, Poppet Flats, and the Morongo Indian Reservation, as well as the city of Banning. The San Geronio School District was formed in 1877 and later became the Banning Unified School District. There were 14 children enrolled when the first school opened in a one-room shack. The school moved several times and burned to the ground once before 1907 when a new stucco building was built on Williams Street and a separate high school was started. The Williams Street building is still in use as the Banning district office and administration center.

The district educates approximately 5,000 students enrolled in kindergarten through twelfth grade. Banning Unified School District has four elementary schools, one intermediate school, one middle school, one comprehensive high school, one continuation high school and one independent study school. The district is one of the largest employers in the city of Banning with approximately 570 employees.

## Corona-Norco Unified School District

2820 Clark Ave., Norco, CA 92860 • 951/736-5000 • www.cnusd.k12.ca.us

### CNUSD Overview



**Dr. Michael H. Lin**  
Superintendent

In Corona-Norco Unified School District (CNUSD) we know the future of our community depends upon the achievements of our children. As a school district we have made it our goal to prepare students for life ahead by ensuring they are well prepared for college and career in the 21st century. CNUSD is the largest school district in Riverside and San Bernardino Counties and the ninth largest district in California. CNUSD is comprised of 50 schools serving over 53,000 students in the diverse communities of Corona, Norco, Eastvale and unincorporated areas of Riverside County.

Our district recognizes that the success of each and every student depends on the partnership between students, teachers, parents, administrators, and the community. Our engagement processes have led to the development of the District's LCAP which was created to identify annual goals, specific actions, and measure progress for student success. As well as, in the development of the District's Strategic Plan based on two pillars: The Academic, Rigor and Relevance Pillar and Social Emotional Pillar. Our two pillar philosophy serves to provide an education that supports the whole child. Programs born out of our LCAP have supported strategies that expand academic opportunities for students as well as, curricula that supports the social/emotional well-being of our students.

I would like to express what a privilege it is to lead a district keenly dedicated to providing an enriching and safe learning environment for student success. Thank you for taking a few moments to learn more about the Corona-Norco Unified School District.

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### A Sound and Challenging Education

Desert Sands Unified School District is located in the desert communities of Bermuda Dunes, Coachella, Indian Wells, Indio, La Quinta, Palm Desert, and Rancho Mirage. The area is home to such major events as the Indian Wells Tennis Tournaments, Stagecoach, and Coachella Fest. The economy of the region is based primarily on tourism and agriculture.

The mission of Desert Sands Unified School District is to ensure that every student develops the knowledge, skills, and motivation to succeed as a productive, ethical, global citizen by assuring equal access to learning provided by caring, committed, collaborative staff working with families and community partnerships.

The district is committed to providing sound and challenging education for each student. Along with building a strong foundation of fundamental skills, students have the opportunity to explore and expand their lives through a variety of experiences including such programs as AVID, International Baccalaureate, AP Capstone, STEM, and a wide variety of CTE academies. With close to 30,000 students attending 34 unique schools and eleven preschools, the district has an appropriate program for every student.

Superintendent Gary Rutherford, Ed.D. retired in December and an announcement of the new superintendent had not been made at press time.

## Jurupa Unified School District

4850 Pedley Rd., Jurupa Valley, CA 92509 • 951/360-4100 • www.jusd.k12.ca.us

### Building Better Brains



**Elliott Duchon**  
Superintendent

Students need every advantage to become well-adjusted and productive adults. This starts with a rigorous education and ability to persevere when the task is difficult. We are incorporating the latest neuroscience research into our curriculum to help each student build a better brain. Teachers strive to instill each student with the hope to succeed and follow a path to college or a viable career. We offer AVID at fourteen of our sixteen elementary schools, and all of our middle and high schools. Our Digital Gateway programs provided each second through twelfth grade student with a Chromebook.

Teacher-created rigorous Units of Study promote complex new learning. We offer Dual Immersion programs at three elementary schools, one middle and one high school. Pacific Avenue Academy of Music offers a curriculum marrying musical performance with a rigorous standards-based curriculum.

Our middle and high schools offer a wide range of college and career preparatory options, including the Rubidoux Early College High School, the Patriot High School Advance Placement Capstone, the Mira Loma Middle School STEM curriculum and the Jurupa Valley High School STEAM program. High schools offer career pathways in First Responders, Medical Occupations, Agriculture, Engineering, Welding, and Building Trades.

We offer unique family support including wrap-around health care; Café Literario, a book club for Spanish speaking mothers; ABC Music and Me for toddlers; and support to new mothers.

Our Governing Board is dedicated to providing every student with the opportunity to enjoy a successful life by Building Better Brains.

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## Hemet Unified School District

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### College and Career Ready



**Christi Barrett**  
Superintendent

Hemet Unified School District is one of the largest geographic areas of any district in California. It serves a growing community with a current enrollment of 21,000 students. We offer preschool centers at nine school locations, eleven elementary schools (K-5), three elementary/middle schools (K-8), four middle schools (6-8), four comprehensive high schools (9-12), one continuation high school (11-12), one community day school (9-12), a science-based charter middle/high school (6-12), an adult education center, Independent Study Programs, a Home School Program, and a self-paced online instruction program to provide a wide variety of learning opportunities for our students.

Hemet Unified staff is working tirelessly to ensure students are successful and prepared to graduate from our schools college and career ready. In an effort to prepare our students who want to continue their education, the District introduced its participation in California College Guidance Initiative (CCGI). CCGI is a one-stop shop for students to find relevant information for each step in their college planning process. The District has continued to add Advanced Placement and Dual Enrollment classes for its students to prepare them for the rigor of college-level courses. For students who plan on entering the workforce after high school, the District is providing several Career Technical Education (CTE) Pathways courses to ensure our students are receiving the experience they need to be recruited by future employers.

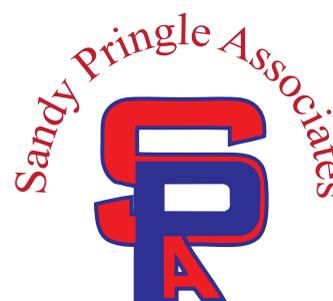
Hemet Unified continues to provide the appropriate resources and support our students need in order to be successful. This is the second year the District has waived the fees for the Scholastic Aptitude Tests (SAT) and the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Tests (PSAT) for its students. We believe that offering a supportive culture and various resources for our students provides a stable foundation for their continued success!

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## Lake Elsinore Unified School District

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### Forces of Change



**Dr. Douglas Kimberly**  
Superintendent

Two forces are changing the course of education this year and beyond. Last November, the voting majority forcefully said “yes” to LEUSD’s \$105 million school bond to implement cutting-edge technology and repair our local schools to support student college and career success. The Measure V bond program will benefit all LEUSD schools, not just a few. Measure V will have lasting impact on LEUSD’s quality of education over the next 30-40 years.

The second force for change is a result of the new California Assessment of Student Performance & Progress (CAASPP). Student test scores under CAASPP were released in September. Our students did well overall; proficiency in English Language

Arts and Mathematics increased. While we celebrate improved student achievement, CAASPP data enables improved instruction through common assessments within our teacher-led Professional Learning Communities, or PLC teams. Using CAASPP data, PLC teams now focus on four questions: What do we want each student to learn? How will we know when each student has learned it? How will we respond when a student experiences difficulty in learning? How can we enrich and extend their learning when they already know it? The desired outcome is improving student achievement, while closing the achievement gap between student subgroups, to meet state and district Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) goals.

Continuing our teacher collaboration on instructional “best practices,” and the successful passage of Measure V, will enable LEUSD to make meaningful strides in maintaining schools as safe and effective places of learning!

## Menifee Union School District

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### Foundation for Life Long Learning



**Dr. Steve Kennedy**  
Superintendent

The Menifee Union School District, in Southwest Riverside County, serves a growing population of TK-8th grade students within the Menifee Valley. Our Board and educational staff believe strongly that *each child is an individual of great worth* and may provide the critical answers for questions and issues that are yet to be posed. Menifee schools work diligently to strike an essential balance between a classical learning pedagogy and a sharpened focus on 21st century skills.

Menifee classrooms incorporate project-based learning, flexible scheduling and a redesigned curriculum that aligns with today’s learning standards in a manner that intentionally integrates critical thinking, problem solving, and strong communication skills throughout the learning process. While prior learning systems may have focused primarily on the answers to a given problem, today’s learning milestones capture not only a learner’s answer, but also the evidence relating to the depth of thinking utilized by each child to arrive at that answer. MUSD understands and values the critical partnerships so necessary in supporting and sustaining learning, and we strive to include our parents, business partners, and educational practitioners alike in creating and upholding a meaningful educational blueprint that successfully maximizes learning for every child.

I am honored to lead such a creative and truly positive educational organization that remains absolutely keen on providing each and every child with the foundation for life long learning within a truly safe and enriched learning environment.

## Moreno Valley Unified School District

25634 Alessandro Blvd., Moreno Valley, CA 92553 • 951/571-7500 • www.mvUSD.net

### One of California’s Great School Districts



**Dr. Judy D. White**  
Superintendent

Moreno Valley Unified School District has transformed itself and, in the process, is helping transform lives. Under the leadership of a new team, MVUSD has seen its graduation rate soar 20.5% in the past five years, by far the greatest increase for any school district in Riverside County. Our grad rate continues to exceed the state and national averages. More of our students are now being accepted at America’s top colleges and universities than ever before, and they’re taking a record amount of scholarship money with them. And in the process of helping more students reach graduation and college, we’ve closed the achievement gap, with Latino students now graduating at above the district average, and African-American students just shy of the district average. Also during those five years, each of our four comprehensive high schools were chosen by *U.S. News & World Report* as among America’s very best; MVUSD has been honored with seven Golden Bells (three in one year) by the California School Boards Association and 12 Gold Ribbon Awards by the State of California; and nine of our innovative programs have been chosen as “Models of Academic Excellence” by Riverside County Office of Education.

We have regained the community’s confidence, which it demonstrated in 2014 with an overwhelming 64% YES vote on our \$398 million Measure M construction bond.

Moreno Valley Unified is creating a culture of “Excellence on Purpose,” and is once again one of California’s great school districts!

## Murrieta Valley Unified School District

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### Students Soar in Academic Success



**Patrick Kelley**  
Superintendent

MVUSD is one of the highest performing districts in Riverside County and one of 11 districts in the state to be named a 2015 Honor Roll District by the California Business for Educational Excellence (CBEE). We have nine 2015 CBEE Star Schools, 11 California Distinguished Schools, four Gold Ribbon schools and our high schools were named America’s Best High Schools by *U. S. News & World Report*.

Our success as a district is due in large part to our wonderful parents and students, a dedicated school board and excellent teachers and administrators whose shared commitment is to provide the very best education possible for each and every child. Our world-class educational program integrates rigorous academics, career technical skills, highly-acclaimed visual and performing arts programs, championship interscholastic athletic programs, nationally recognized student activities programs and an extensive array of extra-curricular activities from elementary to high school.

The educational options available to students include two Visual & Performing Arts schools, STEM (Science Technology Engineering Math) schools, college and career pathways, an IB World High School, dual enrollment with Mt. San Jacinto Community College, K-12 AVID Demonstration schools, a K-12 Independent Study Program and an international exchange program with China. Technology is used extensively in the classrooms to support and assess student learning and achievement.

At Murrieta Valley Unified high academic standards and expectations for all students are the foundation that enables our students to soar in academic success as they prepare for future success in college, careers and life.

## Nuvview Union School District

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### Achieving Our Mandate of Excellence



**David Pyle**  
Superintendent

The Nuvview Union School District strives to ensure that our “Mandate of Excellence” is achieved at every level of our educational community from our NAEYC accredited child development programs all the way through our high performing Nuvview Bridge Early College High School each and every day. Our staff believes that each student is unique, and it is our responsibility to provide the best education in a challenging, yet caring environment.

Our community believes in a strong commitment to education, which is evident in the programs and opportunities available to our students. Nuvview’s reputation for excellence in academics and extracurricular programs are well known and respected. Our focus on the whole child results in students becoming successful and productive citizens of strong moral character. Our goal is to help each student reach his or her fullest potential through questioning and critical thinking.

We strongly believe that students learn best when educators develop meaningful partnerships with parents, while encouraging and valuing input and feedback from home. In addition, it is exciting to promote connections with the wider community through our partnerships with local businesses and a variety of local colleges. We believe in working together for the benefit of our students, families, and members of our local community.

## Palo Verde Unified School District

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### A Long Term Educator



**Charles Bush**  
Superintendent

Chuck Bush began in education after spending nearly a decade in the US Navy. After earning a Bachelor’s degree in Aeronautics from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, he left the service to begin his career in public education. Working in the Central Valley of California, Chuck taught in elementary, middle and high school classrooms. After earning a Master’s degree in Curriculum and Instruction and a Preliminary Administrative Credential from Chapman University, Chuck became an assistant principal in the Imperial Valley. After a few years, he had the opportunity to lead a middle school. His success as a middle school principal led to opportunities in Northern California to lead suburban, urban,

and inner city schools at the middle and elementary levels. Currently, Chuck is serving in his third Superintendent position and finishing up a doctoral program with an emphasis in leading change in educational organizations.

Chuck and his wife of more than 30 years have four children. Their three daughters are grown and living on their own. The youngest, a son, is a student at Palo Verde Valley High School.

## Palm Springs Unified School District

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### An Innovative District



**Sandra Lyon**  
Superintendent

The best way to describe the Palm Springs Unified School District might be “innovative,” and it is my honor and privilege to be the new Superintendent of Schools in a District that prides itself on being on the cutting edge, taking risks and making progressive changes in the interest of what’s best for our nearly 23,000 students.

We are a K-12 District with 28 schools along with 12 early childhood education programs as well as a new virtual, online academy. Each of our high schools has at least two Career Academies, along with several career pathway programs in keeping with our mission of preparing our students for higher education and/or careers. Our areas of focus include: Academic Achievement, Human Resources Development, Safe and Secure Environments and Parent/Community Partnerships, and all of the programs and services we implement keep those foci in the forefront. Some of our newest programs include expansion of full-day kindergarten (entire District will be full-day by next year), one-to-one devices for each student by the end of this school year, two Parent Resource Centers, a dual language academy, arts summer camps, Musical Theatre University, an International Baccalaureate Program and new high school automotive and education academies.

The Palm Springs Unified School District family is comprised of a Board of Education, administration and staff who could not be more committed to the success of each of our students. When you visit our campuses, it becomes immediately apparent how much the people who serve our students truly care about them – academically, emotionally and personally. It is truly a wonderful place to work and I couldn’t be more proud to be a part of this dedicated team of professionals making a difference in the lives of children each and every day.



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## Perris Elementary School District

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### Many Educational Choices



**Vincent Ponce**  
Superintendent

Vincent Ponce brings 37 years of experience in education to his current position. This is his 6th year as the superintendent of Perris Elementary School District. PESD serves approximately 6000 students with seven kindergarten-6th grade schools, one kindergarten-8th grade charter school, and one preschool. Transitional kindergarten is also offered at most sites. He is an advocate for students/parents and embraces the district's motto of "Choose Perris First". "Our parents should have as many choices as possible when making educational decisions about the right program for their children." To this end, Perris Elementary School District opened a Math, Science and Technology Magnet Program at Railway Elementary School, and in August of 2011 the District's first charter school opened.

Our newest school, Clearwater Elementary School, opened in August of 2016. Clearwater is a STEAM school that enjoys a partnership with Inland Water Keepers and the University of California at Riverside. Clearwater provides an integrated program utilizing science, technology, engineering, arts, and math.

With the implementation of the LCAP, our school district has provided increased support for our students and staff by providing physical education teachers, and school counselors at each of our schools. We have also developed a comprehensive standards based art program taught by full time art teachers that provide in depth art experiences for our students.

As the district looks to the future consideration is being given to the opening of a second dependent charter school and a school that offers a dual immersion program

## Perris Union High School District

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### Committed to College/Career Readiness



**Grant Bennett**  
Superintendent

Perris Union High School District believes that our students deserve a world-class education and that we must provide a variety of opportunities for them to succeed in today's changing world. In recent years, PUHSD has undertaken great efforts in planning and implementing innovative and relevant programs to increase student success and achievement.

At the forefront of these endeavors, PUHSD created the Scholar+ teaching and learning initiative. This initiative provides Chromebooks to all students, tablets to teachers, the use of a robust learning management system (LMS) for teachers to post course content and for students to learn, interact, collaborate, submit work, take assessments, and create innovative projects. With our 1:1 program, we offer opportunities for students in and out of school as students take the devices home daily including summer. The Scholar+ program also laid the groundwork for the creation of makerspaces and new computer science/engineering programs using the Code.org and Project Lead the Way framework.

PUHSD is committed to college and career readiness. We have greatly expanded its offerings of Dual Enrollment college credit courses and Advanced Placement courses. PUHSD is committed to its large AVID program and promotes AVID teaching and learning strategies. Career Technical Education provides a viable alternative to some PUHSD students and the district has added new, high quality CTE programs such as the Automotive Technology program at Paloma Valley High.

Our district has greatly expanded and modernized facilities with Measure T funded construction projects. More than simply providing space for future growth, the wide-ranging projects have been planned to accommodate collaborative learning spaces with cutting-edge STEM facilities.

## Riverside Unified School District

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### Serving Every Student, Every Day



**Dr. David Hansen**  
Superintendent

Riverside Unified School District (RUSD) serves Every Student, Every Day, affirming that all are guaranteed an education that ensures readiness for college, career and the world. RUSD is a full service community school district that emphasizes academic success of all students, as well as emotional support and well-being. RUSD practices three overarching goals:

- Provide high-quality teaching and learning environments for all students.
- Prepare all students to be college, career and world ready upon graduation.
- Fully engage students, parents and the community in support of short and long-term educational outcomes.

Riverside Unified School District is the 15th largest school district in California, serving nearly 42,000 students in 48 schools in Riverside, California. The district serves a large portion of the City of Riverside as well as unincorporated areas of Highgrove, Lake Mathews and Woodcrest in Riverside County. The District is governed by a publicly elected Board of Education consisting of five members who serve five different trustee areas, and is led by Superintendent Dr. David Hansen.

With vast recognitions and award winning programs, RUSD offers programs like: AVID K-12, International Baccalaureate, Project Lead the Way, Dual Language Immersion, career pathways, STEM Academy, Core Knowledge, custom schools, model continuation programs.

RUSD addresses the opportunities and achievement gap through high-quality instruction, students must be taught by well-prepared, collaborative educators who enjoy the challenge of this work. RUSD is proud of the work we have accomplished with a progressive vision for the future.



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## Romoland School District

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### Dedicated to Student Success



**Dr. Julie A. Vitale**  
Superintendent

The Romoland School District Board of Education is dedicated to the success of each and every student. We provide a 21st century learning environment with exceptional teachers focused on creating a challenging and supportive classroom learning environment. We have 1:1 devices in all classrooms in grades 3-8. Our middle school students have the opportunity to take their device home and engage in learning 24/7. In our TK-2 classrooms, we have 3:1 devices in the form of mini-iPads and access to grade level Chromebook carts. We have created a blended learning environment so students engage with technology every day. We have also increased their opportunity to research, create, collaborate, and share.

In addition to having relevant technology accessible to every student, we offer a complete physical education program to all students and musical education to students in grades 3-8. Our middle school has a robust elective program that includes STEM courses: robotics, design and modeling, green architecture, and medical biology. We also offer drama, art, band and classes that meet the a-g requirements. Our competitive middle school intramural sports program is also award winning.

As a school district we believe that supporting the “whole child” is essential. As a result, our entire organization is engaged in learning about the work of Carol Dweck and developing a Growth Mindset. We are a community of learners who endeavor to positively impact students academically and as social emotional beings.

## San Jacinto Unified School District

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### The San Jacinto Difference



**Diane Perez**  
Superintendent

I invite you to experience *The San Jacinto Difference* where we exist to educate and empower all students to achieve academic excellence, personal growth and social responsibility through the implementation of our student-centered vision: each and every student is college and career-bound. San Jacinto Unified is now an Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) District, which is a proven model of student success and prepares for college and other post secondary opportunities, and considered an essential strategy for closing the achievement gap.

I am honored to serve our 9,920 students and their families, our dedicated staff, and our community. I am proud to be part of the synergy of San Jacinto Unified that has many asking what is different about SJUSD. *The San Jacinto Difference* has us transforming into the ‘Disneyland’ of schools where we have set the gold standard for every employee and student; our culture is characterized by a caring, joyful and safe school climate that is collaborative, rigorous, and engaging.

Our schools continue to implement robust Career Technical Education (CTE) opportunities for our students and the integration of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math (STEAM) at schools through all grade levels. Whether our students enter college, trade school, military, or seek gainful employment in our community, they will be prepared to write, think critically and work successfully with others.

Follow us as we continue to create the ‘Disneyland’ of schools, where excellence and results are the norm, learning is fun and engaging, clear pathways for success are developed, and passion is ignited — this is *The San Jacinto Difference!*



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## Temecula Valley Unified School District

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### Thank You to Our Staff and Community



**Tim Ritter**  
Superintendent

As Superintendent for the Temecula Valley Unified School District, I am blessed and proud to be part of a dedicated team of people from across our district that model our mission “High Quality Teaching and Learning for All,” as well as our collective goal of “Inspiring Excellence. Impacting the Future.”

TVUSD continues to be an award winning school district because of the people serving at every level of the organization. We continue to be among the highest performing school districts in the state. Our graduates attend top colleges and universities, military academies, programs, and trade schools.

With the leadership of our Board of Education and support from our community, we have achieved many of our goals but we continue to strive to grow in areas that reinforce our 21st century learning opportunities. This year, thanks to the support of our Temecula Valley community funded Measure Y Program, the District opened a state of the art culinary facility and new world language and science buildings at Temecula Valley High School. The new buildings create a foundation for our students to pursue Career Technical Education (CTE) programs. TVHS’ culinary program provides TVUSD with our first capstone program offering students a pathway towards career readiness. We continue to focus on expanding our CTE Programs at all high schools with class offerings in engineering, manufacturing, digital arts design, technology, and more.

I am also extremely proud to share that we have over 100 teachers who are graduates from a TVUSD high school. They have returned to TVUSD to give back to the community they grew up in and be a part of TVUSD’s continuing legacy of excellence.

## Val Verde Unified School District

975 West Morgan ST., Perris, CA 92571 • 951/940-6100 • www.valverde.edu

### Every Student, Future Ready



**Michael R. McCormick**  
Superintendent

Val Verde Unified School district is committed to preparing our students for the 21st century workforce by making “EVERY STUDENT, FUTURE READY.” This year marks 25 years as a unified school district, and 25 years of providing a quality education for our nearly 20,000 students spread across 3 cities in the inland empire. A large part of how we gauge our success are our four LCAP goals:

- **College and Career Readiness** – Students graduating from the Val Verde Unified School District will possess the academic and technical skills required to pursue college and career option of their choosing.

- **Parent Engagement** – Val Verde Unified School District is committed to embracing a collaborative culture for students, parents, teachers, staff, and the community that sustains exceptional parental engagement and promotes the social, emotional, and academic growth of our students.
- **Create positive school climates** – The Val Verde Unified School District will maintain safe and effective learning environments where students develop positive social relationships and a sense of school connectedness.
- **Maintain and modernize school & district facilities and technology** – The Val Verde Unified School District will offer safe, clean, and well-maintained school that are technology enriched.

The business community has spoken and we know our students must be able to communicate, collaborate, think critically, and be creative. That is why we have become a one-to-one school district affording our students the opportunity to acquire the career skills that will carry them into the future.

# Leadership Word Search Contest

**Rules!** One word in the list is NOT in the word search.  
When you have completed the word search, one word will be left and that word you email to: [Kay@schoolnewsrollcall.com](mailto:Kay@schoolnewsrollcall.com) (Please put Riverside in the subject line)

Entries must be received by June 15, 2017  
From the correct entries one name will be drawn to win a \$20 gift certificate redeemable at Barnes & Noble.

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| Accomplished  | Organized      |
| Caring        | Powerful       |
| Confident     | Responsibility |
| Determination | Role Model     |
| Drive         | Strong Willed  |
| Enthusiastic  | Suitable       |
| Focused       | Teamwork       |
| Independent   | Trustworthy    |
| Initiative    | Understanding  |
| Intelligent   |                |

Word Search by Gunnar Coop

Y	O	G	T	E	A	M	W	O	R	K	H	F	T	L
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Z	L	N	X	I	J	T	F	C	J	Y	C	Z	G	E
P	C	A	E	L	B	A	T	I	U	S	C	I	I	W
D	E	T	E	R	M	I	N	A	T	I	O	N	L	O
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