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AN UPDATE FROM RIVERSIDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT



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HIGH ACHIEVEMENT AT RUSD IS BUILT ON STRONG FOUNDATIONS

Public funding and our strategic partnerships with UC Riverside and Riverside City College help us ensure that students in our District are prepared to succeed. These partnerships help:

- Expand educational opportunities for our students by strengthening science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) education
- Give students access to up-to-date facilities
- Allow high school students to earn a diploma and up to two years of college credit towards an early associate's degree
- Provide career training that students need to compete for good paying jobs



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Please complete the survey on the other side of this card to let us know your priorities for our local schools.

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BUILDING STRONG FOUNDATIONS FOR STUDENT SUCCESS



DEAR NEIGHBORS,

As the Superintendent of the Riverside Unified School District (RUSD), I am proud of the high-quality education we provide for our students. We believe in nurturing the individual gifts of every child and focus on developing our students into well-rounded citizens.

Updating Aging Riverside Schools for the Future

In Riverside Unified, 33 of our schools were built more than 40 years ago and five are more than 100 years old. These schools need facility repairs and technology upgrades so that they can serve our community for years to come.

To provide strong foundations for our kids to succeed in college and great careers, they must be skilled in the use of today’s technologies and have a solid background in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). Updating and repairing our schools will make this possible.

Finally, our schools need updates to improve student safety and campus security systems, including security lighting, cameras, emergency communications systems, smoke detectors and fire alarms to keep our kids safe.

Local Funding for Local Schools

We cannot rely on the State to fund the repairs and upgrades that our local schools need. That is why the Riverside Unified School District Board of Education is considering placing an approximately \$392 million bond measure on an upcoming 2016 ballot to address needed repairs and upgrades in our school district.

As we continue to explore potential funding options, I encourage and invite input from our community. Please feel free to reach out with questions and comments by phone at (951) 778-5599 or email at communications@rusd.k12.ca.us.

Sincerely,
David C. Hansen, Ed.D.
District Superintendent

Improving Local Schools for Strong Academic Foundations

A local bond measure would help address key needs in our school district. Whether or not you have school-age children, protecting the quality of our schools, the quality of life in our area and the value of our homes is a wise investment in our community’s future.



This Potential Measure Would:

- Improve student safety and security systems
- Repair or replace aging, outdated classrooms and school buildings
- Update classrooms and labs for career and technical education (CTE) classes, including health sciences, engineering, technology, robotics and skilled trades
- Improve access for students with disabilities
- Retrofit older schools to enhance earthquake safety
- Update instructional technology for modern teaching standards in core subjects like reading, science, technology, engineering and math (STEM)



Strict Financial Accountability Ensures All Funds Support Riverside Students

- No funds for administrators’ and teachers’ salaries and benefits
- A Citizens’ Oversight Committee and annual, independent audits are required
- All funds would support local students and could not be taken by the State
- Every school would benefit from bond funds
- The cost to property owners would be no more than \$60 per \$100,000 of assessed (not market) value annually



TELL US WHAT YOU THINK:

Please let us know your priorities for our students by completing the survey card below and sending it back to us. You can also visit www.rusdlink.org/2016bond to complete the survey online.

Please rate the importance of the following school priorities:		LOW	MED	HIGH
Improve student safety and security systems		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Repair or replace aging, outdated classrooms and school buildings		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Update classrooms and labs for career and technical education (CTE) classes, including health sciences, engineering, technology, robotics and skilled trades		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improve access for students with disabilities		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Retrofit older schools to enhance earthquake safety		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Update instructional technology for modern teaching standards in core subjects like reading, science, technology, engineering and math (STEM)		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Do you currently have children attending RUSD schools?
Yes No

Did your children attend RUSD schools in the past?
Yes No

Would you like to receive updates on RUSD’s potential funding options?
Yes No

What is your preferred method of communication?

Mail Email: _____

Facebook Other: _____

Comments/Questions:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____