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## Rialto USD Board of Education Unanimously Approves Dr. Alejandro Alvarez as Superintendent

**11/13/2025** - On November 12, 2025, at the Rialto Unified School District school board meeting, the Board of Education approved the contract of **Dr. Alejandro Alvarez** as the next Superintendent. The Board's unanimous 5-0 approval reflects full confidence in the District's direction under the leadership of Dr. Alvarez. RUSD Interim Superintendent **Dr. Judy D. White**, who was appointed last March, stated that she will end her tenure on November 30, 2025. Since March, Dr. White, a former Moreno Valley Unified and Riverside County Superintendent of Schools, has led the District as the Board of Education began the process for the search. Dr. Alvarez is set to begin on December 1, 2025.

"Dr. Alejandro Alvarez is an academically forward-thinking leader with the financial acumen to bring innovation, accountability, and a renewed commitment to the academic excellence our students deserve, our families expect, and our community proudly supports," said Board of Education President **Stephanie E. Lewis**. "He is an experienced classroom teacher, administrator, and superintendent whose dedication to student achievement and equitable access will continue to move the Rialto Unified School District forward."

Dr. Alvarez, who was present at the November 12 school board meeting, brings 30 years of public education experience and a strong belief in the power of schools to uplift communities. He currently serves as Superintendent in Bassett Unified School District and has held leadership roles in Compton Unified and Fontana Unified, where he began as a classroom teacher. His academic background includes a Doctor of Education from the University of Southern California, master's degrees from Harvard University and Azusa Pacific University, and a bachelor's degree from the University of California, Riverside.

"The Board approached this superintendent search process with the utmost seriousness and transparency, actively involving our community, staff, stakeholders, and most importantly, our scholars, to identify a leader who fully embodies the core values, vision, and commitment essential for our district," said RUSD Board Member **Evelyn P. Dominguez, LVN**. "We are confident that Superintendent Dr. Alvarez will provide exceptional leadership, integrity, and innovation to our schools, always prioritizing safety, academic excellence, and compassion."

In addition to his extensive leadership experience, Dr. Alvarez is a veteran of the United States Marine Corps Reserve. His background reflects a combination of discipline, service, and compassion, qualities that align strongly with the District's values and long-standing mission to prepare every student for a successful future.

RUSD Board Member **Dakira R. Williams** added, “Dr. Alvarez brings a wealth of knowledge, relevant experience, and a deep commitment to student success, and I am confident that he is the right leader for this important season in our district’s history. Over the course of our search, we listened closely to the voices of our community. Through a thoughtful and collaborative process, we worked to ensure that the qualities and priorities expressed by our families, students, staff, and community partners guided our decision-making. Dr. Alvarez’s appointment reflects the culmination of that community feedback and our shared commitment to moving Rialto USD forward. I truly believe we are headed in the right direction with the right person leading our district at this time.”

As the District enters this new chapter of leadership, its focus remains firmly on student success. The Board of Education is focused on continuing to champion academic growth and well-being, and on providing meaningful pathways that prepare students for the world they will lead.

Clerk of the Board of Education, **Edgar Montes**, stated, “I am pleased to welcome Dr. Alejandro Alvarez as the new Superintendent of the Rialto Unified School District. Dr. Alvarez brings strong leadership, a commitment to equity, and a clear vision for supporting our students, staff, and community. I look forward to working with him as we continue advancing the success and excellence of Rialto Unified. Please join me in welcoming Dr. Alvarez to our district.”

Dr. Alvarez is married to **Caroline Ochoa**, a 31-year veteran educator in the Rialto USD, who currently teaches kindergarten at Georgia Floyd Morris Elementary School (*and earned RUSD Teacher of the Year honors two years prior*). The couple has two grown children, one of whom is a Civil Engineer and the other currently a college student.

A state and nationally recognized District, RUSD is also the City's largest employer, with more than 3,536 employees. The District serves approximately 23,600 students across 30 schools, encompassing the areas of Rialto, Colton, San Bernardino, Lytle Creek, and Fontana.

RUSD Board of Education Vice President **Joseph W. Martinez** affirmed: “I am confident that better days are ahead. Dr. Alvarez is knowledgeable and ready for Rialto. He seems to have a steady hand and a good grasp of leadership. He is the right man at the right time.”

Dr. Alvarez was touched by the Board of Education’s unanimous support.

“I am thankful for this opportunity and committed to building on the strong foundation already in place for our students,” said **Dr. Alvarez**. “Rialto is a vibrant community, and I look forward to working closely with our Board of Education, our staff, and our families to create even greater opportunities for every student we serve. I am excited to lead and thank the Board of Education for having trust in my ability to transform our district toward greater academic success, while keeping us fiscally solvent and thriving. As I step into the Superintendent role, I am deeply committed to listening, learning, and engaging with every corner of the Rialto community. I am eager to collaborate with our exceptional educators and support teams to build and strengthen systems that honor the diverse strengths of our students and meet the evolving needs of the district.”

