



FULLERTON SCHOOL DISTRICT MEDIA ADVISORY

MEDIA ADVISORY NOTICE: May 18, 2026 **CONTACT:** Juliette Funes **PHONE:** (657) 706-3774

Fullerton School District to Celebrate Completion of Third Student-Built Tiny Home with Ribbon-Cutting

WHAT: Fullerton School District will host a ribbon-cutting ceremony and open house to celebrate the completion of its third student-built Tiny Home at Nicolas Junior High School. Built by eighth-grade students in the school's Construction Academy, the fully furnished, 192-square-foot home will provide temporary housing for a District family experiencing homelessness. The event will highlight the innovative, hands-on program that equips students with real-world construction skills while making a meaningful impact in the community. (See [video](#) from last year's ribbon-cutting.)

WHEN: 9:30-10:30 a.m. Friday, May 22, 2026 *(includes welcome remarks, ribbon cutting and tour)*

WHERE: Nicolas Junior High School, 1100 W. Olive Ave., Fullerton, CA 92832

DETAILS: The Tiny Home Project launched in 2022 as a post-COVID innovation, with the first Tiny Home opening in May 2024, followed by a second in May 2025. Under the guidance of woodshop teacher Mucio Vidales, students in the career technical education class design and build code-compliant homes from the ground up, gaining hands-on experience in framing, electrical, plumbing, flooring, painting and solar energy systems. Each Tiny Home includes a kitchen, bathroom and living space, and is fully furnished to support District families experiencing homelessness.

The District recently received a \$525,000 [grant](#) from the Orange County Department of Education to expand the initiative.

"This program represents the very best of what education can be — hands-on, purpose-driven and rooted in community," Interim Superintendent Chad Hammitt, Ed.D. said.

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Coverage of this private event is welcome and greatly appreciated.

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