MINUTES

RIALTO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

September 23, 2026
Dr. John R. Kazalunas Education Center
182 East Walnut Avenue
Rialto, California

Board Members Present:

Joseph W. Martinez, President
Edgar Montes, Vice President
Dakira R. Williams, Clerk
Evelyn P. Dominguez, LVN, Member
Dr. Stephanie E. Lewis, Member
Darinka Galaviz, Student Board Member

Administrators Present:

Alejandro Álvarez, Ed.D., Superintendent
Rhea McIver Gibbs, Ed.D., Deputy Superintendent
Denise Ellis, Ed.D., Associate Superintendent, Human Resources
Jon Black, Ed.D., Associate Superintendent, Education Services
Diane Romo, Associate Superintendent, Business Services
Also present was Martha Degortari, Executive Assistant to the Board of Education and Jose Reyes, Interpreter/Translator

A. OPENING

A.1 CALL TO ORDER 5:30 p.m.

A.2 OPEN SESSION

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

A.3 CLOSED SESSION

Moved By Member Dr. Lewis

Seconded By Member Dominguez

As provided by law, the following are the items for discussion and consideration at the Closed Session of the Board Meeting:

- **PUBLIC EMPLOYEE EMPLOYMENT / DISCIPLINE / DISMISSAL / RELEASE / REASSIGNMENT OF EMPLOYEES (GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957)**
- **STUDENT EXPULSIONS / REINSTATEMENTS / EXPULSION ENROLLMENTS**
- **CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS**

Agency designated representatives: Alejandro Álvarez, Ed.D., Superintendent; and Denise Ellis, Ed.D., Associate Superintendent, Human Resources.

Employee organizations: California School Employees Association, Chapter 203 (CSEA), Rialto Education Association (REA), Teamsters Local 986, and Communications Workers of America (CWA)

- **PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(d) and/or (d)(3). CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE LITIGATION -** Number of Potential Claims: 1
- **REVIEW LIABILITY CLAIM NO. 26-27-02 (Government Code 945.6, Section 911.2)**
- **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION**
  (Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9)
  San Bernardino Superior Court Case No. CIVSB2623801 v. Rialto Unified School District

- **CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR - (Government Code Section 54957.6)**
  Agency Designated Representative: Joseph W. Martinez, Board President

  Unrepresented Employee: Superintendent

COMMENTS ON CLOSED SESSION AGENDA ITEMS

Any person wishing to speak on any item on the Closed Session Agenda will be granted three minutes.

Vote by Board Members to move into Closed Session:

Time: 5:33 p.m. **Approved by a Unanimous Vote**

A.4 ADJOURNMENT OF CLOSED SESSION

Moved By Member Dr. Lewis

Seconded By Member Dominguez

Vote by Board Members to adjourn Closed Session:

Time: 7:04 p.m. **Approved by a Unanimous Vote**

A.5 OPEN SESSION RECONVENED - 7:00 p.m.

Open session reconvened at 7:04 p.m.

A.6 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Rialto High School Senior Brooklyn Gaytan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A.7 PRESENTATION BY RIALTO HIGH SCHOOL

In honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, Rialto High School's Ballet Folklórico performed "El Cable" (also known as 'the cable'), a traditional Sinaloan dance, led by Ms. Mary Joe Ceja.

A.8 REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Moved By Member Dominguez

Seconded By Vice President Montes

The Board of Education took action to Deny Liability Claim No. 26-27-02.

Vote by Board Members:

(Ayes) President Martinez, Vice President Montes, Clerk Williams, Member Dominguez

(Abstain) Member Dr. Lewis

Majority Vote

A.9 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved By Member Dominguez

Seconded By Member Dr. Lewis

Prior to adoption of the agenda, the following item was pulled:

EDUCATION SERVICES ITEM:

- E.2.2 - APPROVE THE FIRST READING OF REVISED BOARD POLICY 5116.1: INTRADISTRICT OPEN ENROLLMENT

Vote by Board Members to adopt the agenda as amended:

Approved by a Unanimous Vote

B. PRESENTATIONS

B.1 HIGH SCHOOL - DISTRICT STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (DSAC)

The following DSAC students shared information and activities held at their school:

Elisabeth Mercado - Eisenhower High School

Jordyn Bolton - Carter High School

Jocelyn Duenez - Rialto High School

Anni Toscano - Milor High School

B.2 CURRICULUM OF THE INTERNATIONAL HEALING GARDEN

Presentation by Dr. Manuel Burciaga, Executive Director of Education Services, and Juanita Chan, Director of Science and Career Programs.

Dr. Manuel Burciaga, Executive Director of Education Services, and Juanita Chan, Director of Science and Career Programs shared a presentation on the International Healing Garden. (See attached copy)

C. COMMENTS

C.1 PUBLIC COMMENTS NOT ON THE AGENDA

At this time, any person wishing to speak on any item **not on** the Agenda will be granted three minutes.

Stephanie Lopez, District Parent and SEPAC Vice President, raised concerns about accountability, student safety, chronic absenteeism, and special education supports. She encouraged the Board to investigate safety concerns, provide appropriate services and staffing for students with disabilities, and focus on addressing problems rather than defending the system. She also thanked the District for providing a de-escalation room at the Family Summit and emphasized the importance of meaningful inclusion and civility.

Maurice Bowers, Community Member and DAAPAC Communications Chair, highlighted recent DAAPAC meetings and strong participation from families, staff, and students. He announced the upcoming DAAPAC meeting on October 1, 2026, which will focus on chronic absenteeism and include a presentation from UC Riverside, with a possible college-night component featuring Cal State San Bernardino.

C.2 PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

Any person wishing to speak on any item **on** the Agenda will be granted three minutes.

None.

C.3 COMMENTS FROM ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

- Rialto Education Association (REA)
- California School Employees Association (CSEA)
- Teamsters Local 986
- Communications Workers of America (CWA)
- Rialto School Managers Association (RSMA)

Tobin Brinker, Rialto Education Association (REA) President, emphasized the importance of evaluating existing programs,

responsibilities, and initiatives to determine what is effective and what may be creating unnecessary demands on teachers. He specifically mentioned testing, breakfast in the classroom, social-emotional learning, and technology, noting that teachers should be involved in determining which programs are useful and which may duplicate existing efforts. He also thanked Dr. Álvarez for addressing concerns about elementary teachers losing VAPA preparation time and ensuring that affected teachers received makeup preparation time.

Christine Acosta, California School Employees Association (CSEA) President, raised concerns about staffing shortages, particularly among school intervention officers, amid an increase in student behavioral incidents and aggression. They also expressed concern about paraprofessionals being assigned to students whose behavioral needs may exceed the supports, training, or resources provided for the assignment. She urged the District to review staffing levels, IEPs, behavioral supports, and employee training to ensure that students and staff have the appropriate resources and that safety concerns are addressed proactively.

Kristy Streff, Rialto School Managers Association (RSMA) Past President, shared updates on administrator collaboration, including a recent cross-town football game that brought administrators from different levels of the District together and helped strengthen relationships. She also announced that RSMA's regional activity design project was approved, allowing collaboration with management associations in Fontana and San Bernardino County to exchange ideas, best practices, and professional resources. She highlighted RSMA's scholarship program, which has awarded more than $10,000 over the past four years to local students pursuing careers in education, and recognized several District staff members for their contributions.

C.4 COMMENTS FROM THE STUDENT BOARD MEMBER

C.5 COMMENTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

C.6 COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

D. PUBLIC HEARING

D.1 OPEN PUBLIC HEARING

Any person wishing to speak on the item on the Public Hearing agenda will be granted three minutes.

Moved By Member Dr. Lewis

Seconded By Member Dominguez

INITIAL CONTRACT PROPOSAL FOR THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR TO CALIFORNIA SCHOOL EMPLOYEES ASSOCTATTON (CSEA)

Vote by Board Members to open Public Hearing:

Time: 8:46 p.m.

Approved by a Unanimous Vote

D.1.1 INITIAL CONTRACT PROPOSAL FOR THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR TO CALIFORNIA SCHOOL EMPLOYEES ASSOCTATTON (CSEA)

Pursuant to the requirements of Government Code and Board Policy, the attached initial contract proposal for the 2026-2027 school year, submitted by the Rialto Unified School District for an agreement between California School Employees Association (CSEA), Rialto Chapter 203, and the Rialto Unified School District Board of Education, is hereby posted in compliance with the legislative requirements for public notice.

D.2 CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

Moved By Member Dominguez

Seconded By Member Dr. Lewis

INITIAL CONTRACT PROPOSAL FOR THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR TO CALIFORNIA SCHOOL EMPLOYEES ASSOCTATTON (CSEA)

Vote by Board Members to close Public Hearing:

Time: 8:47 p.m.

Approved by a Unanimous Vote

E. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

All items on the Consent Calendar will be acted upon in one motion unless pulled by Board of Education members or the Superintendent for individual action.

Moved By Member Dr. Lewis

Seconded By Member Dominguez

Prior to adoption of the agenda, the following item was pulled:

EDUCATION SERVICES ITEM:

- E.2.2 - APPROVE THE FIRST READING OF REVISED BOARD POLICY 5116.1: INTRADISTRICT OPEN ENROLLMENT

Vote by Board Members to approve Consent Calendar Items as amended:

Approved by a Unanimous Vote

E.1 BUSINESS SERVICES

E.1.1 APPROVE THE WARRANT LISTING AND PURCHASE ORDER LISTING

Approve all funds from August 19, 2026 through September 1, 2026.

E.1.2 DONATIONS

Accept the donations and send a letter of appreciation to the donors: LabCorp; Shakey's Pizza Parlor; Cyclery USA; Dollar Tree; and Walmart Neighborhood Market.

E.1.3 APPROVE THE FIRST READING OF REVISED BOARD POLICY 7214: GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS

E.1.4 APPROVE AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO AGREEMENT C-00-6373 WITH MILLER ARCHITECTURE FOR ADDITIONAL SERVICES FOR THE CNG STATION INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES TO SUPPORT ELECTRICAL VEHICLE (EV) CHARGING STATIONS AND THE NEW GENERATOR PROJECT AT THE ENROLLMENT CENTER

Approve Amendment No. 2 to Agreement C-00-6373 with Miller Architecture in the amount of $7,696.00 for additional architectural and electrical engineering services required to separate the generator and EV charging stations scope into two independent

projects, and for mechanical engineering services associated with the generator project at the District Enrollment Center. Amendment No. 2 will increase the current contract amount from $93,600.00 to $101,296.00, and to be paid from Fund 40 – Special Reserve for Capital Outlay Projects.

E.1.5 AWARD BID NO. FY2627-BID-02 FOR SCHOOL ASPHALT REPLACEMENT PHASE 4 TO UNIVERSAL ASPHALT CO INC

In the award for Bid No. FY2627-BID-02, School Asphalt Replacement Phase 4, the District (i) rejects the bids submitted by PaveWest LLC, Superior Paving Company, Inc. dba United Paving Co., Onyx Paving Company, Inc., Roadway Engineering & Construction Corp., and Elegant Construction Inc. because the bidders failed to meet the District's minimum prequalification requirements; (ii) rejects the late bid submitted by Terra Pave, Inc., which was received after the bid submission deadline and was not opened; and (iii) awards the Contract to Universal Asphalt Co., Inc., as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, for the total contract amount of $2,464,000 which includes an allowance for unforeseen conditions, to be paid from General Fund (Routine Repair Maintenance Account).

E.1.6 AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE, WARRANTY, AND INSTALLATION OF TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS PRODUCTS FROM DI TECHNOLOGY GROUP, INC DOING BUSINESS AS DATA IMPRESSIONS THROUGH AN AWARDED CALIFORNIA MULTIPLE AWARD SCHEDULE (CMAS) CONTRACT

Approve the use of California Multiple Award Schedule (CMAS) number 3-26-08-1047 awarded to DI Technology Group, Inc doing business as Data Impressions, at a cost to be determined at the time of purchase and to be paid using various funds.

E.1.7 SIGNATURE AUTHORIZATION FOR STATE/COUNTY DOCUMENTS

Authorize Ricardo Salazar, Director, Purchasing Services, to execute purchase orders, contracts, agreements, and related procurement documents on behalf of the District up to the applicable competitive bidding threshold established under Public Contract Code section 20111, and up to the applicable informal bidding threshold established under the California Uniform Public

Construction Cost Accounting Act (CUPCCAA), Public Contract Code section 22000 et seq. Approve the authorization of the following employees to sign purchase orders and contracts with the following monetary limits: Michael Devlin, Support Service Manager, Purchasing Services - $75,000.00; and Edna (Liz) Estavillo Valdez, Executive Director, Nutrition Services - $75,000.00 (Fund 13).

E.2 EDUCATION SERVICES

E.2.1 APPROVE THE FIRST READING OF REVISED BOARD POLICY 0410: NONDISCRIMINATION IN DISTRTICT PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

E.2.2 APPROVE THE FIRST READING OF REVISED BOARD POLICY 5116.1: INTRADISTRICT OPEN ENROLLMENT

This item was pulled prior to adoption of the agenda.

E.2.3 APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH PIQE - RIALTO MIDDLE SCHOOL

Provide the Signature Family Engagement Program for parents and families of Rialto Middle School students, conducted weekly in-person and virtually via Zoom from September 24, 2026, through June 30, 2027, at a cost not to exceed $17,500.00, and to be paid from the General Fund (Title I).

E.2.4 APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH ACEABLE

Provide 325 digital drivers education course vouchers to qualifying CTE students at all Rialto High Schools, effective December 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, at a cost not to exceed $11,500.00, and to be paid from the General Fund.

E.2.5 APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH ACTIVE EDUCATION - GARCIA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Provide a structured activity program for grades TK-5th grade at Garcia Elementary for 32 weeks 4 days a week for 300 plus students a day, effective September 24, 2026, through June 4, 2027, at a cost not to exceed $36,340.00 and to be paid from the General Fund (Title I).

Moved By Clerk Williams

Seconded By Vice President Montes

This item and agreement to be corrected as follows:

Provide a structured activity program for grades TK-5th grade at Garcia Elementary for ~~32~~ **23 weeks, for a total of 92 sessions**, 4 days a week for 300 plus students a day, effective September 24, 2026, through June 4, 2027, at a cost not to exceed $36,340.00 and to be paid from the General Fund (Title I).

Vote by Board Members to approve this item as corrected, with preferential vote by Student Board Member, Darinka Galaviz:

Approved by a Unanimous Vote

E.2.6 APPROVE AN AMENDMENT WITH PROFESSIONAL TUTORS OF AMERICA

Amend Agreement #C-26-003031 with Professional Tutors of America and approve the cost increase of the original agreement of $65,000.00 by an additional $12,500 for a total cost not to exceed $$77,500.00, and to be paid from the General Fund. All other terms and conditions will remain the same.

E.2.7 APPROVE AN AMENDMENT WITH PIVOTAL BEHAVIOR & EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

Amend agreement C-26-003582 with Pivotal Behavior & Education Services and approve the cost increase by an additional $7,000.00 at a cost not to exceed $17,000.00, and to be paid from the General Fund. All other terms and conditions will remain the same.

E.2.8 APPROVE AN AMENDMENT WITH ZEN EDUCATE

Amend the agreement # C-26-001469 with Zen Educate and approve the cost increase of $1,000,000.00 by an additional $279,000.00, at a cost not to exceed $1,279,000.00 and to be paid from the General Fund. All other terms and conditions will remain the same.

E.2.9 APPROVE AN AMENDMENT WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM INTERVENTION SERVICES & TRAINING (ASIST)

Amend agreement C-26-002479 with Autism Spectrum Intervention Services and Training (ASIST) and approve the cost increase by an additional $76,000.00, at a cost not to exceed $879,000,00 and to be

paid from the General Fund. All other terms and conditions will remain the same.

E.2.10 APPROVE A RENEWAL AGREEMENT WITH SOLUTION TREE - WERNER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Provide two (2) full days of coaching for the members of the Werner Leadership Team, and four (4) full days of coaching for all teachers in grades TK - 5 at Werner Elementary effective September 24, 2026 through June 30, 2027, at a cost not to exceed $42,600.00 and to be paid from the General Fund (Title I).

E.2.11 APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH SCHOOLS PLP - JEHUE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Moved By Member Dr. Lewis

Seconded By Member Dominguez

Provide unlimited courses for Jehue Middle School students attempting to recover an absence or claim short term independent study, effective September 24, 2026, through June 30, 2027, at a cost not to exceed $19,325.00: $1,200 (training) and $36.25/student thereafter, and to be paid from the General Fund.

Vote by Board Members, with preferential vote by Student Board Member, Darinka Galaviz:

Approved by a Unanimous Vote

E.2.12 ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 26-27-13 SUFFICIENCY OF INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

For the 2026-2027 school year, the Rialto Unified School District has provided each pupil with sufficient standards-aligned textbooks and instructional materials consistent with the law, adoption cycles, content of curriculum frameworks, and State advisories.

E.3 HUMAN RESOURCES

E.3.1 APPROVE THE HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT NO. 1363 FOR CLASSIFIED AND CERTIFICATED EMPLOYEES

E.3.2 APPROVE THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH RIVERSIDE COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Approve the Memorandum of Understanding for the Preliminary Credential Program with the Riverside County Superintendent of Schools to provide current and future students with internship opportunities in their specialized fields from September 24, 2026 through June 30, 2031 at no cost to the District.

E.4 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

E.4.1 APPROVE THE FIRST READING OF REVISED BOARD BYLAW 9240: BOARD TRAINING

E.4.2 APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 9, 2026

F. RETURN TO CLOSED SESSION

Moved By Vice President Montes

Seconded By Member Dominguez

Vote by Board Members to return to Closed Session:

Time: 8:57 p.m.

Approved by a Unanimous Vote

G. ADJOURNMENT OF CLOSED SESSION

Moved By Member Dr. Lewis

Seconded By Member Dominguez

Vote by Board Members to adjourn Closed Session:

Time:10:08 a.m.

Approved by a Unanimous Vote

H. OPEN SESSION RECONVENED

Open session reconvened at 10:08 p.m.

I. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

I.1 AMEND THE AGREEMENT FOR EMPLOYMENT OF SUPERINTENDENT, DR. ALEJANDRO ÁLVAREZ

Moved By Member Dominguez

Seconded By Vice President Montes

Approve First Amendment to the Agreement for Employment of Superintendent, Dr. Alejandro Álvarez. Consistent with Government Code Section 54953, the vote will be preceded by an oral summary of the salary and compensation paid in the form of fringe benefits under the agreement.

ORAL SUMMARY

According to Government Code section 54953, prior to a vote on a new or amended contract with a cabinet-level administrator, there must be an oral summary of the salary and compensation paid in the form of fringe benefits pursuant to the contract.

Item F.1. is a proposed amendment to the agreement for employment of Superintendent, Dr. Alejandro Alvarez. If this Amendment is approved, the salary and compensation paid in the form of fringe benefits pursuant to the contract would be as follows:

1. Consistent with the Employment Agreement and based on Board action relative to the certificated and classified management units for the 2025-2026 school year, retroactive to December 1, 2025, the Superintendent's base annual salary shall be increased by three and one-half percent (3.5%), resulting in a base salary of Three Hundred Sixty-Eight Thousand Four Hundred Sixty dollars ($368,460.00).

2. Additionally, like other employee groups within the District, the Superintendent also shall receive a one and one-half percent (1.5%), one-time, off-schedule payment, based on salary placement as of December 1, 2025, as modified herein, in the amount of $5,526.90.

3. The Amendment also clarifies, going forward, that the Superintendent's base annual salary shall be increased by three percent (3%) or increased by the same across-the-board on-schedule and off-schedule salary increase granted to the District's management group, whichever is greater.

4. Further, the Superintendent shall receive a doctoral stipend in the amount of five percent (5%) of his annual salary, payable along with

base salary in twelve (12) approximately equal payments, pro-rated for partial years of service.

5. Further, the District will provide an annual contribution of $25,500.00 per year, in 12 approximately equal payments to a District paid annuity/retirement type contribution of Superintendent's choice.

6. Finally, pursuant to Sections 2 and 6 of the Employment Agreement, based on a satisfactory or better annual evaluation, the Board must consider extending the term of the Superintendent's Employment Agreement. The Amendment extends the term of Dr. Alvarez' employment from September 23, 2026, through June 30, 2030.

7. All other terms and conditions of the Employment Agreement not modified by this Amendment shall remain in full force and effect, as set forth in the Employment Agreement.

Vote by Board Members: **Approved by a Unanimous Vote**

I.2 ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING

Moved By Vice President Montes

Seconded By Member Dominguez

Case Number:
26-27-3

Vote by Board Members:

(Ayes) Vice President Montes, Clerk Williams, Member Dominguez, Member Dr. Lewis

(Noes) President Martinez

Majority Vote

J. ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Rialto Unified School District will be held on October 14, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at the Dr. John R. Kazalunas Education Center, 182 East Walnut Ave, Rialto, California.

Materials distributed or presented to the Board of Education at the Board Meeting are available upon request from the Superintendent's Office.

Moved By Member Dr. Lewis

Seconded By Member Dominguez

Prior to adjournment, Vice President Montes requested a moment of silence in honor of his younger brother, Mr. Javier Montes, who passed away last week.

Vote by Board Members to adjourn:

Time: 10:17 p.m.

Approved by a Unanimous Vote

Clerk, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education

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PRESENTED BY:
DR. MANUEL BURCIAGA, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF
EDUCATION SERVICES
JUANITA CHAN-RODEN, DIRECTOR, SCIENCE AND
CAREER PROGRAMS

The International Healing Garden Plan

The purpose and objectives of the Rialto USD International Healing Garden include:

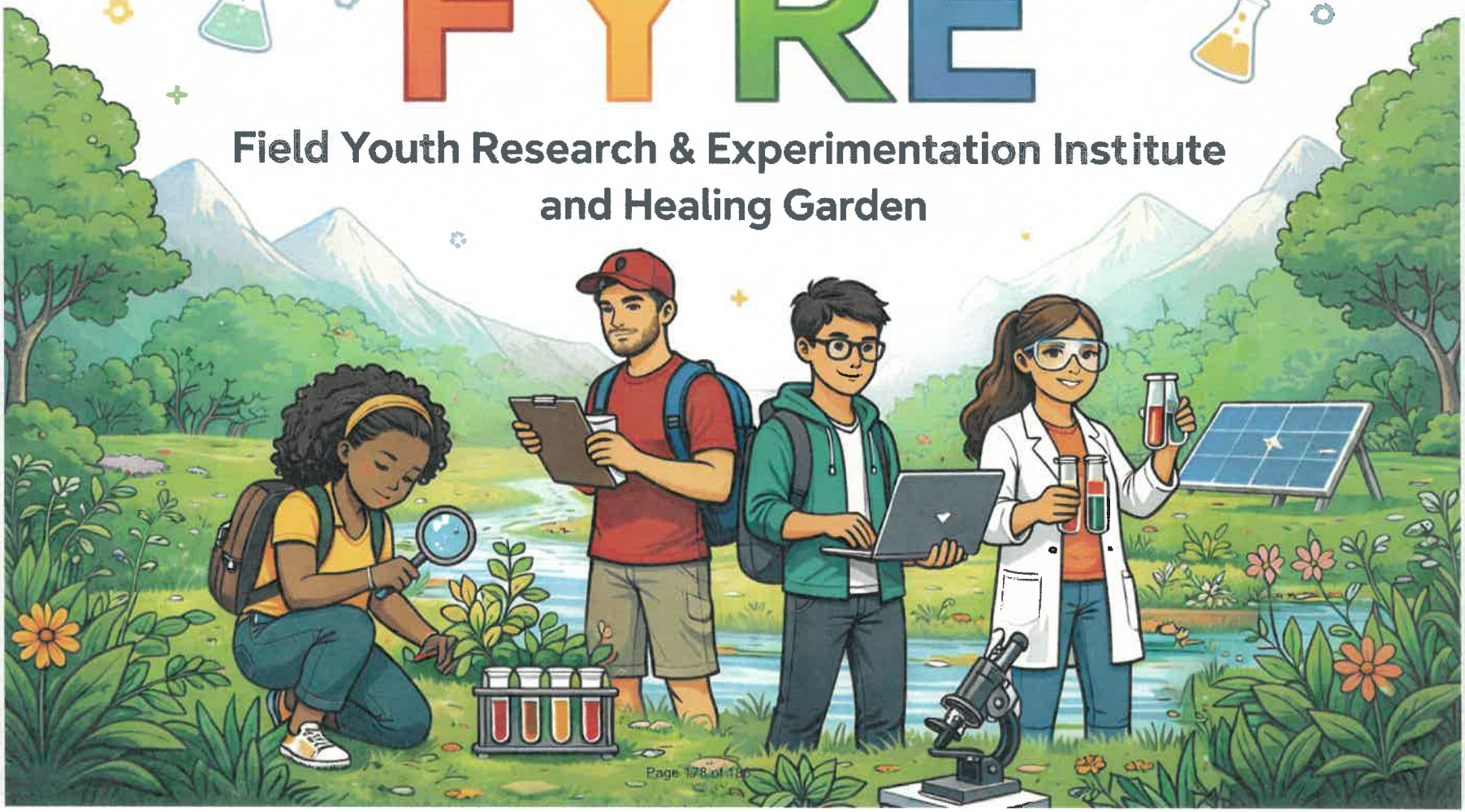
- **Supporting** awareness and **personal empowerment** of community members around behavioral health, and **certain public health** and safety **concerns**;
- **Addressing educational disparities** through a new learning service and **outdoor learning resource** to better serve and address the social, emotional, and mental health needs of our students and students in the larger San Bernardino County;
- Promote healthy childhood environments by **enhancing services** for child welfare-involved families and **foster youth**; and
- **Raise awareness around environmental justice and climate resiliency** topics in the San Bernardino region
- Supporting ***Rialto USD's Board of Education Resolution, No. 19-20-26 Commitment to Environmental Sustainability***

"A mind is not a vessel to be filled, but a FIRE to be kindled."

~Plutarch (Greek- Roman Philosopher)

FYRE

Field Youth Research & Experimentation Institute and Healing Garden



Purpose

The FYRE (Field Youth Research and Experimentation) Institute and International Healing Garden will have three main functions to **increase academic achievement** among **6th-12th graders**. The Institute will provide **advanced academic opportunities** for our highest-achieving students and additional inclusion opportunities for our most vulnerable students. This location will **support school and community partnerships** through **hands-on experiences** that connect students to Institutions of Higher Education and industry partners.

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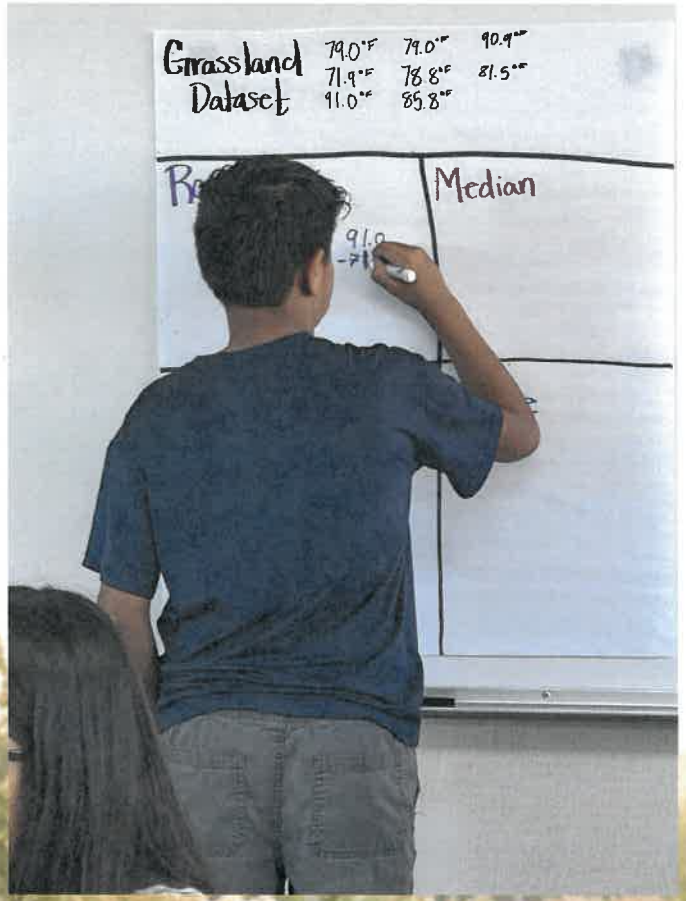
INTERNATIONAL
Healing Garden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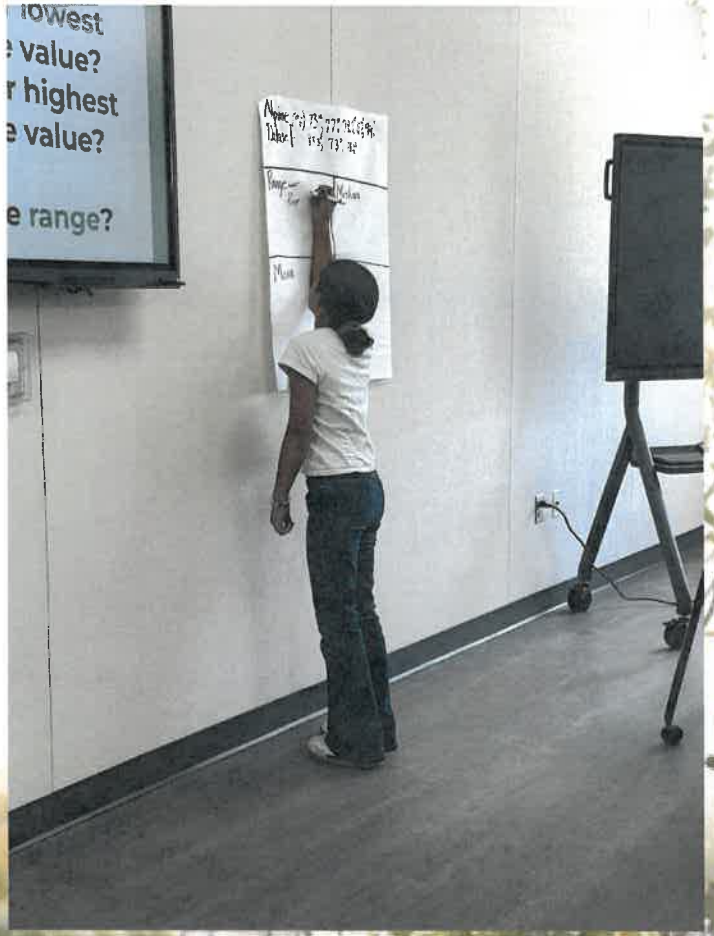
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AI FOR ALL: FROM AI BASICS TO LLMS AND AI AGENTS

Dr. Nabeel Alzahrani is a Computer Science faculty member at CSUSB specializing in artificial intelligence (AI), high-performance computing (HPC), and cybersecurity. His research focuses on Large Language Models (LLMs), AI agents, and deep learning, with applications in cybersecurity, healthcare, education, and scientific research. He recently led a major study, published in a peer-reviewed journal, examining the use of LLMs and AI agents in cybersecurity while mentoring undergraduate student researchers.

Dr. Alzahrani is also co-founder of CSUSB's Artificial Intelligence, Quantum Computing, Fusion Energy, and Semiconductors (AQFS) Research and Training Lab. He developed the Accessible AI & HPC: 14- Workshop Series (K-12 and Beyond), a hands-on program designed to make AI and high-performance computing accessible to learners of all ages.

Date: October 2, 2026
Time: 12 noon- 1:30pm
FYRE Institute & Healing Garden
2235 W. Buena Vista Dr.
Rialto, CA. 92377

About the Talk

"AI for All" is a beginner- friendly introduction to artificial intelligence and its real-world applications. The talk begins with the basics of AI and gradually introduces machine learning, deep learning, generative AI, Large Language Models (LLMs) such as ChatGPT, and AI agents.

For additional information:
909-879-6014 x 2523

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