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Assemblymember Cervantes visits JUSD CTE Programs

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JURUPA VALLEY, CA - Jurupa Unified School District was honored to host Assemblymember Sabrina Cervantes for a tour of the district's Career Technical Education programs this week.

Assemblymember Cervantes serves as Chair of the California State Assembly Select Committee on Career Technical Education and Building a 21st Century Workforce. On Thursday, September 21, she visited several programs at Rubidoux High School.

Among the stops on the tour was a visit to the Dell Student TechCrew class, where students were busy repairing Chromebooks used by their peers. This program is the only one of its kind in California and allows students to graduate with the certification they need to gain employment right out of high school or to prepare for further study in computer science, engineering, or related fields.

The assemblymember also toured the new, state-of-the-art Elliott N. Duchon Concert Hall where students in the Performing Arts CTE Pathways treated visitors to a musical performance. Performers included members of the CTE Concert, Mixed and Women's Choirs, and the band, which includes CTE Wind Ensemble and Concert Band students. Rubidoux High has three CTE arts pathways focused on vocal and instrumental performance. The district opened its first concert hall last spring and has a strong music education program from elementary through high school.

Assemblymember Cervantes also visited the Rubidoux High farm and observed a horsemanship class. Horsemanship is part of the Animal Sciences CTE Pathway. The JUSD horsemanship program is one of only two offered in the state.

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“We are grateful for this opportunity to showcase just some of our district’s unique, cutting-edge CTE programs,” Superintendent Trenton Hansen, PhD said. “With an increasing demand for a highly-skilled workforce, now and into the future, it is incumbent upon educators to provide a variety of career education options for students. JUSD’s 28 CTE pathways allow us to support the interests of every student and help them to stay engaged in school as they learn new skills and prepare for future success.”

“I am proud of the hard work being done in CTE classrooms every day to ensure students are successful in school and in life after graduation,” added Board of Education President Robert Garcia. “For many years, our CTE programs have been ‘hidden gems.’ It’s rewarding to see them in the spotlight, shining for all to see.”

“We have worked hard to collaborate with our partners at the City of Jurupa Valley and Riverside Community College District, as well as lawmakers like Assemblymember Cervantes to bring these opportunities to students,” Garcia added. “Our growing CTE programs and expanded partnerships have brought forth incredible possibilities. The planned Inland Empire Technical Trade Center, to be housed here in Jurupa Valley, is just one example. By working together, we will be able to create incredible futures for our students, community, and region.”

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ABOUT JURUPA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Jurupa Unified School District is located within Riverside County. JUSD is made up of twenty-six schools total; fifteen elementary schools, one TK-6 music academy, one K-8 STEAM academy, three middle schools, three high schools, one continuation school, one adult alternative school, and one Pre-K school readiness center.