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## **JUSD to receive more than \$9 million in Community School Grant funds**

**Jurupa Valley, CA.--**The Jurupa Unified School District will receive a little more than \$9 million in state grant money over the next five years to support “community schools” at six district sites. The initiative is part of a larger plan to provide wraparound services to students and families throughout the district.

The California Community Schools Partnership Program grant award was announced following a California State Board of Education meeting earlier this month. A total of \$635 million in grants were awarded statewide. Jurupa Unified was the only district in Riverside County to receive a five year implementation grant; although some neighboring districts received two-year planning grants.

“We are so grateful to be a recipient of these grant funds, which will enable us to continue to expand our efforts to address the needs of the whole child,” stated JUSD Superintendent Dr. Trenton Hansen. “By providing essential services to families at their neighborhood schools, we are removing barriers so that students can access the supports they need to thrive and to reach their full potential.”

Funds will be used to bolster integrated services at Ina Arbuckle, West Riverside, Rustic Lane, and Troth Street elementary schools and Mission Middle School and Rubidoux High School. Additional supports at these sites will offer more services to support the whole child and family – such as mental health, healthcare, dental services, parent engagement and more.

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Schools were selected for the initial phase of the project based on need within the school community as well as supporting sites that already had on-campus community services in place. JUSD will work with teachers, staff, administrators, parents, and community partners with whom the district has already established relationships to determine future joint services which will be part of the community school model.

The development of JUSD community schools is the result of a decade-long effort to address the needs of JUSD students and families through implementation of the Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child framework – the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s model for addressing health in schools. JUSD currently offers a robust Parent Involvement and Community Outreach program that supports parent engagement and student wellness.

You can learn more about JUSD’s Parent Involvement and Community Outreach program on the district’s website at: [www.jurupausd.org](http://www.jurupausd.org).

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## **ABOUT JURUPA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

*The Jurupa Unified School District is located within Riverside County. JUSD is proudly 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.*