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JUSD Community Schools Program Garners Golden Bell

This Marks the District's 13th CSBA Golden Bell Award

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JURUPA VALLEY -- The Jurupa Unified School District's intentional and thoughtful efforts to serve the whole child, whole family, and whole community through the innovative Community Schools model have earned the district its 13th California School Boards Association Golden Bell Award.

The prestigious Golden Bell Awards promote excellence in public education and school board leadership by recognizing outstanding programs and governance practices. Programs selected for the honor serve as examples for Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) across the state.

"CSBA is proud to recognize innovative programs from local educational agencies around the state that make a difference in the lives of students," said CSBA CEO & Executive Director Vernon M. Billy. "The 2024 Golden Bell winners exemplify the creativity and performance our school districts and county offices of education can produce when given the flexibility to respond to local conditions and the needs of their unique student populations. This year's honorees are modeling programs and services that LEAs throughout California can emulate in order to more fully serve California's public school students."

"We are extremely proud of this honor from the California School Boards Association," said JUSD Superintendent Trenton Hansen, PhD. "Our JUSD purpose is to not only provide the highest quality education to every student we serve but also to help remove obstacles standing in the way of our students' learning and well-being. Our Community Schools are one way we are creatively working to ensure Learning Without Limits for every student."

"Our Jurupa Unified School District Community Schools program is a point of pride for our district and community and it is wonderful to see our hard work now acknowledged statewide with this prestigious award," stated JUSD Board of Education President Melissa Ragole. "This honor reflects our district's hard work and dedication to providing opportunities and resources for all of our students so they can realize their full potential."

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The Community Schools model, adopted by the Jurupa Unified School District in 2022, allows the district to leverage available community resources and provide a neighborhood “hub” where students and families can access the information, resources, and services they need for a brighter future. Community Schools focus on four pillars: integrated student support, active family and community engagement, collaborative leadership and practices, and expanded and enriched learning time and opportunities.

This support is critical in Jurupa Unified, where more than two-thirds of students come from socio-economically disadvantaged households. Jurupa Unified was the first Riverside County school district to receive a California Community Schools Partnership Program implementation grant. Now in its third year, JUSD has secured more than \$25 million in CCSPP funding and the program is in place at 18 campuses – three high schools, two middle schools, and 13 elementary schools. Programs range from wellness centers (at four JUSD campuses), behavioral health support services, and mobile clinics to parenting classes, clothing closets, food giveaways, and access to additional resources. Community partnerships are key to the program's success, and JUSD is working with 38 community organizations to make the most relevant services, up-to-date resources, and information available to families.

To learn more about JUSD Community Schools, please visit: <https://jurupausd.org/our-district/ps/pico/Pages/Community-Schools.aspx>

To see stories about the impact of our JUSD Community Schools, please visit: <https://jurupausd.org/our-district/news/Pages/Community-Schools-.aspx>

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ABOUT JURUPA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Jurupa Unified School District is located within Riverside County. JUSD includes 26 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. We have 18 Community School campuses.