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JUSD Students Receive Glasses from Vision To Learn

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JURUPA VALLEY - Hundreds of Jurupa Unified School District students have been given the gift of sight, thanks to a partnership with the non-profit Vision To Learn.

A ceremony to celebrate the district's partnership with the organization will be held at **9 a.m. Thursday, March 31 at Ina Arbuckle Elementary School, 3600 Packard Street in Jurupa Valley.**

During the ceremony, several Ina Arbuckle students will receive new glasses. The event also will include brief remarks by Jurupa Unified School District Superintendent Dr. Trenton Hansen, Ina Arbuckle Elementary School Principal Norma Arvayo, Vision To Learn President Ann Hollister, Riverside County Supervisor Karen Spiegel, Riverside County Superintendent of Schools Dr. Edwin Gomez, and Jurupa Valley Mayor Chris Barajas.

Vision To Learn has made an enormous impact in the Jurupa Unified School District, providing 463 pairs of glasses to students in the district. A total of 1,746 students had vision screenings at four schools. Of those screened, 37 percent were found to be in need of vision correction. Many of these students would not have had vision screenings or glasses without services provided by Vision To Learn.

"We are so grateful for our partnership with Vision To Learn," Superintendent Hansen said. "Without this program – provided to our students at no cost – many might continue to needlessly struggle in class, simply because they cannot see clearly. Vision To Learn is changing lives and helping all of our students to keep 'Learning Without Limits'."

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"Vision To Learn is thrilled to be helping kids in Riverside County, and now Jurupa Valley " organization President Hollister said. "By bringing free vision services to students where they are every day, Vision To Learn helps Jurupa Valley students get the glasses they need to succeed in school and in life."

About Vision To Learn: The Vision To Learn program has helped kids in over 500 underserved communities in 14 states and the District of Columbia. Vision To Learn serves the needs of the hardest-to-reach children; about 90% of kids served by Vision To Learn live in poverty and about 85% are kids of color. Since its founding, Vision To Learn has helped provide more than 1.5 million children with vision screenings, over 340,000 with eye exams and 270,000 with glasses – all free of charge to children and their families. This year another 100,000 children will receive glasses from Vision To Learn despite the challenge COVID-19 continues to present at schools. Expansion of their Southern California program is possible thanks to the support of several generous funders, including The Studio @Blue Meridian and an anonymous donor. For more information on Vision To Learn, please visit www.visiontolearn.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.