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RIVERSIDE UNIFIED
SCHOOL DISTRICT

March 2022 | American Indian Initiative Update

- The riversideunified.org/AmericanIndianInitiative webpage was created to house the multi-phased and multi-pronged effort for the American Indian Initiative. Please explore the webpage and learn what we are doing in the areas of leadership, policy, professional development, curriculum and materials, accountability for district climate and student learning and well-being.
- **Leadership**
 - On-going meetings have been held with local tribal leaders, Native American stakeholders and parents.
- **Policies**
 - The Board of Education passed a [resolution](#) in support of the direction of the California Indian Education Act.
 - A draft RUSD land acknowledgement is prepared to be shared with the tribal leaders
 - Board Policy 0415 (Equity) is being revised and will be presented to the Board of Education in April.
- **Professional Development**
 - The Educator Effectiveness Block Grant committee is preparing a plan for school-based employee professional learning focused on practices to create a positive school climate with equitable representation and ethnic studies. The plan will be presented to the board of education in April 2022 for implementation in 2022-23.
- **Curriculum and Materials**
 - Work is underway on updating our third grade local history resources.
 - An analysis of the TK-12 history-social science state standards is also in progress. This includes a review of existing curricular materials to make a recommendation for increased inclusion.
- **Student Learning and Well-being**
 - Title VI grant through the US Department of Education was submitted. The Title VI grant funds are designed to address the cultural, language and educationally related needs of American Indian and Alaska Native students.
- **Accountability for Upholding District-wide Climate**
 - District and school leadership is reinforcing and supporting [RUSD BP 4119.21 Professional Standards](#) across campuses.