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# Covina-Valley Unified Showcases District's Vision, Achievements at Inaugural State of the District

**COVINA, CA –** Covina-Valley Unified School District (C-VUSD) celebrated its success in fostering "Educational Excellence for Every Student, Every Day" during its first-ever State of the District event on May 16, which featured a one-of-a-kind multimedia presentation that detailed the District's innovative programs and achievements.

Board President Maria Caceres and Superintendent Dr. Elizabeth Eminhizer led the event, featuring heartfelt accounts by students from all three of the District's comprehensive high schools on the impact of District programming. The multimedia presentation gave an overview of Covina-Valley Unified and highlighted the innovative programs and accomplishments that make the District a standout educational institution in the region.

"The State of the District was a wonderful chance to bring together the entire Covina-Valley Unified community to celebrate our successes and reflect on our ongoing mission of educational excellence," Dr. Eminhizer said. "I want to thank our remarkable students, staff, and administrators whose hard work and dedication made our inaugural State of the District a resounding success."

Covina-Valley Unified held two State of the District presentations throughout the day, offering sessions to elected officials, distinguished guests, District staff, families, and other community members.

The presentation focused on the District's outstanding achievements, including C-VUSD's membership in the prestigious Digital Promise League of Innovative Schools, its top-five ranking on the California Reading Coalition's Reading Report Card, and the numerous awards earned by District schools, staff, and students.

Covina-Valley Unified also demonstrated its commitment to college and career readiness throughout the event. The presentation gave particular focus to the District's robust career technical education (CTE) offerings, with several students taking the stage to share the impact these programs have had on them and their future goals. As part of the State of the District event, attendees were allowed to take tours of some of its 24 comprehensive CTE programs.

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The presentation went on to detail seven overarching goals that guide the District and its work to meet the needs of its diverse student population through a comprehensive educational experience. This includes implementing leading-edge instructional programs, prioritizing social and emotional learning, and investing in the visual and performing arts.

State of the District also highlighted several new projects, including the opening of the Covina-Valley Health and Wellness Center earlier this year, the upcoming modernization of Covina High's pool, and the approval of a state-of-art Centegix Crisis-Alert System for the 2023-24 school year.

"It is important to take moments like this to celebrate the hard work of our students, teachers, and staff who make Covina-Valley Unified such an exceptional place to learn and grow," Caceres said. "We have built a solid foundation and our future is so bright here in Covina-Valley Unified. We will have even more to applaud at our next State of the District."

### **PHOTO CAPTIONS:**

**CVUSD\_SOD1**: Covina-Valley Unified School District Superintendent Dr. Elizabeth Eminhizer recognizes the District's Board of Education members during its inaugural State of the District on May 16. The event featured a one-of-a-kind multimedia presentation that detailed the District's innovative programs and achievements.

**CVUSD\_SOD2**: California State Senator Susan Rubio, third from right, presented Covina-Valley Unified School District's Board of Education with a certificate of recognition during the State of the District on May 16. Two presentations were given on the day, with sessions offered to elected officials, distinguished guests, District staff, families, and other community members.

**CVUSD\_SOD3**: Northview High School seniors Max Yount, left, and Matilda Castillo, right, were two of 12 students from all three comprehensive high schools who shared heartfelt accounts on the impact of Covina-Valley Unified School District's innovative programming during the State of the District on May 16. Students highlighted C-VUSD's robust career technical education offerings for helping shape them and their future goals.

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