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## **Covina-Valley Unified School District Named to Digital Promise League of Innovative Schools**

**COVINA** – Covina-Valley Unified School District was named a returning member of the Digital Promise League of Innovative Schools for their commitment to promoting educational equity, establishing innovative school-wide programs, infusing technology in all aspects of learning and advancing positive change in public education.

The District was previously named a member of the Digital Promise League of Innovative Schools' 2017-2018 cohort and re-selected after a year of transitional leadership.

Examples of innovation can be seen throughout the District—including the District's seamless transition to online learning amid school closures, cutting-edge career technical education (CTE) pathways, National SAT Day participation and dual enrollment programs.

During the COVID-19 pandemic and school closures, Covina-Valley Unified successfully transitioned from brick-and-mortar learning to virtual instruction, supplying all students with laptops and other specialized technology to meet the needs of the District's diverse student body.

The District offers 22 CTE pathways that enable students to graduate with the academic, technical and career skills needed for postsecondary and workplace success. In partnership with Cisco, Microsoft and Code to the Future, Covina-Valley Unified has implemented coding into their curriculum and provided students with the opportunity to study and obtain industry-recognized certifications in networking, security and cloud technologies.

In 2018, the District also joined Digital Promise's Real World Learning Challenge Collaborative, an alliance that promotes schools working with community partners and industry experts to engage students in real-world problems, projects, and experiences that develop career awareness and readiness.

Covina-Valley Unified is one of the only school districts in Los Angeles County that participates in National SAT Day and provides free PSAT 8/9, PSAT, PSAT/NMSQT and SAT exams to students.

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The District has also partnered with Mt. San Antonio College to establish dual enrollment programs at Northview, Covina and South Hills high schools. The collaboration allows students to enroll in college-level courses and earn concurrent credit toward a high school diploma and a college degree.

The Digital Promise League of Innovative Schools is a network of 125 forward-thinking school districts – launched under President Barack Obama within the U.S. Department of Education in 2011 – that designs, validates, champions, and scales successful learning opportunities that advance equity and excellence for every student.

"As a District, we continually strive to implement innovative research-based programs and practices that ensure the highest levels of achievement for all students," Covina-Valley Unified Superintendent Elizabeth Eminhizer said. "We are proud to be part of a national network that works to prepare our students to thrive in a changing world."

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