



RUSD

RIVERSIDE UNIFIED
SCHOOL DISTRICT

May 2022 | American Indian Initiative Update

The riversideunified.org/AmericanIndianInitiative webpage houses 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 regarding the progress being made in the key areas related to our American Indian Initiative. A preview of all of the materials was provided to both local tribal leaders and Native American stakeholders who shared valuable input and feedback as we continue this work. Future meetings will include additional opportunities for input and feedback as we work to finalize the curriculum and materials.

- **Policies**

- A draft Land Acknowledgement is under review by local tribal leaders and Native American stakeholders.

- **Professional Development**

- The plan for training on Implicit Bias will begin in Fall 2022 for certificated and classified staff at our schools.

- **Curriculum and Materials**

- Third grade resources continue to be updated, focused on local Riverside history. Supplemental materials are being gathered and topics will be reviewed by Tribal Leaders and stakeholder groups for input and finalization.

- **Student Learning and Well-being**

- We are developing a plan to support Native American students and families for the 2022-23 school year and include opportunities for cultural activities and authentic engagement.

- **Accountability for Upholding District-wide Climate**

- District and school leadership is reinforcing and supporting [RUSD BP 4119.21 Professional Standards](#) across campuses, with additional training for leaders planned for Summer 2022.