

# Rincon Valley Union School District Board of Trustees General Meeting

June 14, 2022 @ 6:00pm

Hello everyone! My name is Megan Fonseca and I'm happy to be standing in front of you as a representative for the Rincon Valley Education Foundation. Since November 2018, I've worked alongside RVEF's board and RVUSD's superintendent as the Executive Director. Together, we've invested countless hours, energy, and funds into supporting the mission of educational excellence for all students.

While working tirelessly to make an impact, we've also been grappling with the effects of Covid-19. Since the pandemic first started, we've had to amend budgets and dip into reserves, restructure long standing programs and events, redefine roles and responsibilities, and cancel two fundraising galas. RVEF persevered and maintained hope that we would recover quickly and continued to focus on what we could do. We took pride in being able to offer year round enrichment classes & camps and fully fund the Art Docent Program for both the 2020-21 and 2021-22 school years. But, the effects of this viral pandemic caught up with our organization.

In March, I announced that I had resigned as Executive Director. Due to changes in the funding climate and the challenges faced during these turbulent economic times, RVEF was no longer able to financially sustain this position. But the silver lining was that I would be able to continue to provide guidance to RVEF's board as the new treasurer. And so I stand in front of you today in that capacity.

One month after switching roles, I communicated that RVEF was \$12,000 short of its goal for funding the Art Docent Program for the 2022-23 school year. Soon after, the foundation was fortunate enough to secure several business sponsors and receive some donations from our spring giving campaign. These helped to close the gap a bit more.

But the real heroes of this story are our district's parents clubs. RVEF reached out to them and asked if they could support our cause. I relayed that an anonymous donor had been found who would match all contributions made by their organizations. Each leader presented RVEF's position to their school community and each returned with a generous donation. What I'm about to say next would not have been possible without their belief in all that that the Art Docent Program and RVEF do for our RVUSD family.

And so, on behalf of the Rincon Valley Education Foundation's Board of Directors and our community at large, it is my pleasure to announce that a check written in the amount of \$40,000.00 will be issued to the Rincon Valley Union School District on July 1, therefore fully funding the Art Docent Program for the 2022-23 school year.