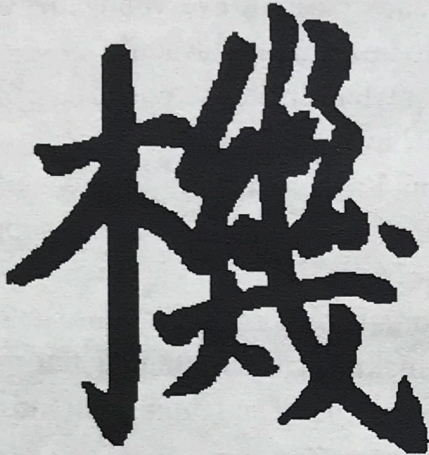


Rincon Valley Education Foundation

Dear Fellow Parent,

By now I'm sure you've heard that our school district is projected to lose \$942,000 in State funding next year. In response, parents from all of the schools in our district have formed a non-profit corporation — the Rincon Valley Education Foundation.



The Chinese symbol for crisis is composed of two characters. The first represents danger; the second represents opportunity. You really can't have one without the other.

Although the budget cuts are unfortunate, we have a great opportunity. We have the chance to redefine how our community and our schools work together. We have the opportunity to innovate and rethink how we collaborate with the institution that affects our children more than any other.

In the past we've heard many debates about public schools vs. private schools. The debate is always framed as public vs. private as if we can only have one or the other.

The public school advocates always point out that public funding for private schools will destroy our public schools. They also raise valid points about separation of church and state, and the need to serve all children, including the handicapped. The private school advocates point out the higher quality of many private schools that comes from better financing and mandatory parent involvement.

Both groups are right. But what no one mentions is the third option — private funds for public schools. In Rincon Valley we are already blessed with great teachers, dedicated staff, and good schools. What our schools need most is money and an involved and innovative community.

"The purpose of the RVUSD Foundation is to make sure our children get the best possible education by supplementing public funds & programs, and promoting active involvement, innovation, collaboration and communication between all members of our community."

This is your Foundation. Get involved! Our officers and board are composed of parents from every school. For more information see our website <http://rvusd.com> Please use the enclosed envelope to make a tax-deductible contribution to insure our children's future. No one cares more about our children than we do. If we don't act, who will?

Sincerely,

Walt Edwards
President
Rincon Valley Education Foundation