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10th Annual RUSD Parent Summit highlights keynotes, with *Disney* flair

Rialto, CA, Oct 1, 2018 – On Saturday, **October 6, 2018**, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., the Rialto Unified School District and its Parent Institute will hold the **10th Annual Parent Summit**, welcoming all parents and staff to Wilmer Amina Carter High School, located at 2630 North Linden Avenue in Rialto.

Free registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. for the District parents/guardians who missed the online registration. There will also be free continental breakfast provided for all attendees from 8:00 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.

The summit will begin with the Schools' Rally, at 9:00 a.m. in the CHS Gymnasium. Local dignitaries will join the RUSD Board of Education and the Superintendent in officially welcoming almost 2,000 parents/guardians, students, principals and staff members to the Parent Summit. The keynote will be delivered by **David** and **Daniel Diaz**, also known as *The Diaz Brothers*, from the Academy-award nominated Disney movie, *McFarland USA*, starring Kevin Costner.

Carol Mehochko, Agent for Special Programs in the RUSD, reached out to the famous, former cross-country brothers from McFarland, California. She said, "One of the first images I remember observing when I started teaching at McFarland was seeing almost all families, many generations, running and practicing with the cross country team. A few years later, I began teaching with David and Daniel, who were dubbed as 'hometown heroes,' because of their cross country success. It does not only take a family to raise a child, but a village."

The 2018 Parent Summit Committee also designed selected workshops that education professionals will teach, providing parents with relevant information regarding their children's education. Light lunch/snacks will be sold at various booths. Entertainment is also set to enhance the atmosphere at the CHS quad area.

"It is a great feeling for the education community when we observe parents/guardians who take a proactive role in their child's education," stated RUSD Superintendent, **Dr. Cuauhtémoc Avila**. "Our Parent Summit is one of the first, and strongest, parent programs. Ten years ago, the RUSD Board of Education had a unified program in mind, and a decade after, our 2018 Parent Summit Committee has worked diligently to continue the importance of the program. We are really looking forward to the summit."

The Parent Summit was the brainchild of the late **Curtis T. Winton**. Mr. **Winton**, an active parent, approached District administrators with the idea of holding a summit where parents and district employees would work together for the betterment of students. Winton gathered dedicated parent leaders and initiated the Parent Institute in 2009. Today, the District's **Curtis T. Winton Parent Institute**, located 324 N. Palm Avenue in Rialto, supports numerous parent based programs and Parent University classes.

For more information on the 10th Annual Parent Summit, please call 909-879-6000, ext. 2201.