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RUSD teams up with Scholastic to bring renowned author to District

Rialto, CA – Literacy continues to be one of Rialto Unified School District’s academic foundations. On Tuesday, February 27, 2018, from 8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., at Dr. John R. Kazalunas Education Center, 182 East Walnut Avenue in Rialto, RUSD educators from our Secondary Lighthouse schools, will learn key practices for enhancing writing instruction to effectively reach students across content areas and grow a lasting culture of literacy district-wide. This session is one of eight, in a series headlined by **Alan Sitomer**, a celebrated writer of young adult books, a Scholastic Education author and founder of *The Writer’s Success Academy*. Scholastic is a global children’s publishing, education and media company.

The sessions focus on content from Sitomer’s professional book, *Mastering Short-Response Writing: Claim It! Cite It! Cement It!*, so educators can bring practical strategies back to classrooms which, as part of this initiative, are also being supplemented by increased access to authentic, high-interest books.

“We are excited to host Mr. Sitomer, who was also distinguished with the *California Teacher of the Year* honor in 2007,” stated RUSD Superintendent, **Dr. Cuauhtémoc Avila**. “We appreciate the collaboration from our dedicated District Education Team and Scholastic, which allows us to bring a series of professional development action, such as evidence-based writing and literacy for Lighthouse teachers and administrators from Kucera Middle School and Carter High School.

Sitomer, who presents various professional learning opportunities for teachers, nationally said, “I am extremely excited to work with Rialto educators. These teachers are at the forefront of helping students and they want to learn and grow. I am very fortunate to be able to provide assistance through high quality professional development which provides proven instructional techniques that raise achievement.”

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