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Five RUSD Schools Earn Inaugural PBIS State Honors

Top honors were accepted by the staff of the Rialto Unified School District as **Rialto** and **Carter High Schools**, **Jehue** and **Kucera Middle Schools**, and **Kelley Elementary School**, earned the coveted (*and inaugural*) “**Bronze Level Recognition**” from the **California Positive Behaviors Interventions and Supports (PBIS) Coalition**. All five RUSD schools reflected excellence in measurement of fidelity as well as efforts in implementing the core features of PBIS.

“I could not be prouder of our hardworking PBIS Team from all five of our schools,” stated RUSD Superintendent, **Dr. Cuauhtémoc Avila**, who also stated that the RUSD Board of Education will be formally honoring more than 30 PBIS Team members at tomorrow night’s school board meeting. “This is a special award that exemplifies the leadership roles of our teachers and administrative staff, as they successfully work to support all youth with academic enabling behaviors. We are most proud of this honor.”

Each RUSD school’s name will be displayed on the *California PBIS Coalition* webpage. Staff will be recognized at the Annual California PBIS Coalition Conference, held in Sacramento, on Thursday, September 22, 2016.

“Staff throughout the District, in countless ways, have contributed to the successful implementation of PBIS,” replied RUSD PBIS Coordinator, **Melissa Rubio**. “Rialto teachers, classified and administrative staff have all created the success of PBIS. I attribute this to a positive school culture, high quality instruction and student engagement. We are grateful that this recognition is being acknowledged by the Board of Education and our Superintendent.”

PBIS is a framework for enhancing the adoption and implementation of a continuum of interventions that can be visualized as a triangle. It has three tiers: *primary prevention*, with resources and support available to all children in a school; *secondary prevention*, for a more tailored group of students displaying at-risk behavior; and *tertiary prevention*, specialized individualized systems of support for students who display high-risk behavior.

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