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### OMSD to host the Annual Parent Leadership Conference “We Are All Beautifully Diverse”

Ontario-Montclair School District (OMSD) is proud to be hosting the Annual Parent Leadership Conference which will be held on Friday, May 6, 2022. This year's theme is *"We are all Beautifully Diverse."* Over 500 parents, community members, support staff, and administrators are anticipated to attend workshops focusing on important topics such as positive parent engagement, technology, Special Education, English Learner programs, Financial Awareness, College Readiness, and Social-Emotional well-being. This is an intentional effort by the District to build capacity in our OMSD parents for supporting their child(ren) through their academic journey.

The Annual Parent Leadership Conference is a District-wide event that started over 15 years ago and is planned and organized by our very own parents and staff from our Family & Community Engagement Department. Each year, the conference has continuously grown in participants and presenters, based on topics that our parents seek to learn about.

In alignment with the District's 5 Year Action Plan and the Board's goals, the focus is to provide various resources and learning opportunities for our parents. The workshops are built so that parents can walk away with strategies to use at home to reinforce their student's learning goals. The presenters selected will speak on meaningful topics that address currently relevant topics at the local and national levels.

Participants will enjoy special keynote presentations, workshops, and student performances. The conference will also consist of engaged community presentations from the Mexican Consulate, San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools, San Antonio Regional Hospital, Arrowhead Credit Union, Promise Scholars, IMPACTtruth, Inc., The Game Changers, and our very own OMSD department experts and leaders.

This year's keynote speakers are Roy Juarez, a successful international motivational speaker and author who shares his message of hope, perseverance, and the power of education. Roy's journey started on the streets of San Antonio, Texas as a homeless teenager due to domestic violence. He uses the lessons he learned to inspire his audience to dream bigger, forgive and never give up. The closing keynote speaker will be Eric Boles, a global expert in personal development, cultural transformation and importance for fostering equity, diversity and inclusion. Eric impacts an organization's most valuable resource, its people, through high energy and powerful storytelling to unleash individual potential, navigate change, and lead with purpose.

The Annual Parent Leadership Conference is funded through categorically restricted funds and has resulted in strengthening relationships and creating a sense of community, contributing to our OMSD students' success. This exemplary conference is highly solicited by our parents as it brings parents, community leaders, teachers, and administrators together to learn, think creatively, and lead confidently.

Board President Elvia M. Rivas stated, "This year's conference addresses the importance of continued collaboration between parents and schools to support student learning while providing inclusive and equitable opportunities for all stakeholders. By working together to provide a solid educational foundation, students will strive to their fullest potential and we look forward to welcoming our parents and presenters."

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