

RANCHO SANTIAGO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT (RSCCD)

Integrated Planning / Educational Master Plan Development Services Project

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PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Rancho Santiago Community College District (RSCCD) has embarked on an ambitious, six-month project to streamline and enhance integrated planning across RSCCD, its District Services and Operations, and its two colleges, Santa Ana College and Santiago Canyon College. The District has engaged the services of the Collaborative Brain Trust (CBT) to provide facilitation and technical support services for the project. The outcome of the project will be the production of four new fully-aligned planning documents that will provide a blueprint for action for RSCCD over the next four to eight years in serving students and communities of the RSCCD Orange County region and beyond. The four plans are:

- *RSCCD Comprehensive Master Plan 2024-2031*
- *Santa Ana College Educational Master Plan 2024-2028*
- *Santiago Canyon College Educational Master Plan 2024-2028*
- *District Services and Operations Plan 2024-2028*

Additionally, refined plans for facilities, technology, sustainability, and marketing will align with these four plans for a fully-integrated, contemporary, post-pandemic approach to envision a robust future for the District. With renewed vision, hope, and direction, RSCCD is experiencing enrollment growth, providing increased access to higher education to both traditional and non-traditional students, and strengthening educational, governmental, business, and industry partnerships in this post-COVID era for both economic prosperity and enhanced quality of life for the region.

The four plans under development are data-informed by a Comprehensive Data Profile composed of internal and external scans and workforce data that examine the needs of the Orange County area today and for the future. To complement this quantitative data, nearly 100 focus sessions, called “listening sessions” are being conducted among internal and external stakeholders and students to provide a “qualitative lens” to accompany this data for effective, responsive long-range planning. As a leader of both transfer education and workforce development, the Rancho Santiago Community College District, and its Board of Trustees, will be considering adoption of a new set of Strategic Directions that envisioning RSCCD’s future in this next era for the District and its Colleges.

Among the areas being examined are the expansion of dual enrollment with local high schools; increased transfer options for university-bound students; expanded career ladder opportunities for career and technical education (CTE) students; a further-diversified educational delivery model using multiple, hybrid teaching methodologies; and contemporary facility and technology plans to support these efforts. Monthly updates will be provided as the project progresses.