

RANCHO SANTIAGO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT (RSCCD)

Integrated Planning / Educational Master Plan Development Services Project

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PROJECT UPDATE – JANUARY 1, 2024

Welcome to the new year! The Rancho Santiago Community College District (RSCCD) is now in the fourth month of its six-month project to streamline and enhance integrated planning across RSCCD, its District Services and Operations (DSO), and its two colleges, Santa Ana College (SAC) and Santiago Canyon College (SCC). The Collaborative Brain Trust (CBT) continues 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 (CMP) 2024-2031*
- *Santa Ana College Educational Master Plan (EMP) 2024-2028*
- *Santiago Canyon College Educational Master Plan (EMP) 2024-2032*
- *District Services and Operations (DSO) Plan 2024-2028*

These 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.

During January, Phase II of the project will be completed, with two important activities:

1. The SAC and SCC Educational Master Plan Task Forces will review the last set of quantitative data, and also the themes that emerged from the listening sessions (qualitative data) held in Fall with internal and external stakeholders, including students.
2. The Planning and Organizational Effectiveness (POE) Committee and the Chancellor's Cabinet will convene in a four-hour retreat/work session to discuss districtwide trends and planning assumptions, emergent themes from the 122 listening sessions held in 2023, and future challenges and opportunities for RSCCD. The outcome of the session will be the identification of three to five broad Strategic Directions to guide the District for the next eight years. This set of overarching Strategic Directions for RSCCD will go to the District Council, and then on to the Board of Trustees for approval in February.

Once approved by the Board of Trustees, the overarching Strategic Directions will provide the framework for the RSCCD Comprehensive Master Plan, and will be operationalized through the goals and objectives of the two college EMPs and the DSO Plan (Phase III of the project.) All four plans will be considered for adoption by the Board of Trustees in June and, once approved, will commence with the 2024-2025 Fiscal and Academic Year.

Throughout the project, an update will be provided at the beginning of each month to summarize progress on the project and describe upcoming activities.