

Nogales Unified School District No. 1



NUSD Thanks Our Community:

I would like to take this time on behalf of the staff and administrators of Nogales Unified School District #1, our students, and our Governing Board to thank the Nogales community and the voters for supporting Nogales Unified School District #1 efforts to join the Pima County Joint Technical Education (JTED) District. Doing so allows NUSD to provide expanded opportunities for our high-school students in the Career and Technical Education (CTE) electives by providing additional local and state funding support for students enrolled in the JTED programs.

We also want to thank the JTED committee who made a recommendation to our Governing Board to approve a Resolution to take this initiative to the voters. The final general election result reflected a 60.92 % passing rate.

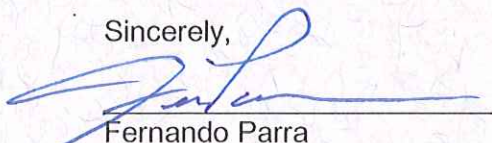
NUSD appreciates the voters who continue to make education a priority and the community that supports our efforts. Passing this initiative will make a significant difference in the Career and Technical Education we offer our students at the secondary level. It was only two years ago that a continuation Override was also approved by our voters that continues to fund many critical student programs including financial incentives for all of our support staff and teachers. Currently, NUSD alone is funding all CTE Programs with some additional state-federal grants. However, by the successful passage of the JTED initiative, many of our current CTE courses will be enhanced through purchases of new instructional equipment, expanding facilities, adding career-related internships, and access to other JTED Districts with programs that might not be available at NUSD.

NUSD is proud to have been able to take this initiative to our voters. Its passage shows that our community cares about the education of our students and prioritizes what is in the best interest of our students and educational programs.

In this season of Thanksgiving, I personally want to express my sincere appreciation for your trust and making education more than a priority, but a personal commitment to our students, our teachers, staff, administrators and NUSD. Our district is a Title One District with above 80 percent qualifying for free-reduced meals. This translates into high poverty rates. Many of our families rent and are not home owners and unemployment is extremely high in our county. Given these realities, it amazes me and I find it humbling how our community comes together even through difficult economic challenges to support our educational initiatives.

We cannot thank our voters enough for the support and dedication for doing what is right and in the best interest of our schools and students. We will continue to do our very best to provide the best educational opportunities for all the students attending NUSD.

Sincerely,



Fernando Parra
NUSD Superintendent