



## Fontana Unified School District

9680 Citrus Avenue • P.O. Box 5090 • Fontana, CA 92334-5090 • (909) 357-7600

---

*Contact* Olivier Wong Ah Sun  
*Telephone* 909-357-7600  
*Email* [Olivier.WongAhSun@fusd.net](mailto:Olivier.WongAhSun@fusd.net)  
*Website* <http://www.fusd.net/>

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
February 6, 2015

### FONTANA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT SIGNS A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE MEXICAN CONSULATE

At its February 4, 2015 Board Meeting, the Fontana Unified School District entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Mexican Consulate to provide an innovative new program to Fontana adult learners called Plaza Comunitaria, Spanish for “community center”.

Recognizing the research that indicates that students learn English faster and more efficiently if they first have a solid education in their own language, Plaza Comunitaria provides literacy classes in Spanish for any adult 15 or older who cannot read or write and has not completed elementary or secondary school. Upon completion of a program, which is free to participants, students receive a certificate from the Mexican Ministry of Education.

“Everybody knows that education is key for success,” said Caroline Zaragoza Flores, Consul of the Mexican Consulate. “This is a unique program. Through education, they can improve the quality of their lives.”

FUSD joins other Inland Empire school districts that currently provide Plaza Comunitaria, including Redlands, Hesperia and Ontario-Montclair School Districts. Initial plans include launching an Adult Literacy Program at Redwood Elementary School, an Elementary Program at Maple Elementary School, a Secondary Program at Fontana Middle School and A.B. Miller High School, and an Adult GED Program in Spanish at Fontana Adult School. The program is slated to begin in August 2015.

Please contact Olivier Wong Ah Sun at 909-357-7600 or via email at [Olivier.WongAhSun@fusd.net](mailto:Olivier.WongAhSun@fusd.net) for more information.