



# RIVERSIDE COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION

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## EXCELLENCE THROUGH EDUCATION CONFERENCE 2026

# Creating POSSIBILITIES

◎ Imagining More ◎ Designing Better  
◎ Measuring What Matters

Wednesday – Thursday | September 16 – 17, 2026  
RIVERSIDE CONVENTION CENTER

Join us for the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Excellence Through Education Conference, a premier event designed to empower and equip school districts, sites, and community partners with evidence-based practices to strengthen systems, structures, and practices.

### Keynote Speakers



**CANDY SINGH, Ed.D.**  
FranklinCovey Consultant  
and Former Superintendent



**ERNESTO MEJIA**  
Parental Engagement Expert



**TOMMIE MABRY, Ph.D.**  
National Consultant, and  
Award-Winning Author

### Featured Speakers



**NICOLE TUCKER-SMITH**  
Founder and CEO of Engaging Every  
Learner Foundation, Professional  
Development and Equity Advocate



**HAMISH BREWER**  
Leader, Educator,  
Principal, and Author



**HEATHER AVIS**  
New York Times Best-Selling Author,  
Podcaster, Down Syndrome Advocate,  
Founder and Chief Visionary Officer of  
The Lucky Few Foundation

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## CONFERENCE DESCRIPTION

We are thrilled to invite you to our 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Excellence Through Education Conference, a premier event designed to empower and equip school districts, sites, and community partners with evidence-based practices to strengthen their systems, structures, and practices. This year's conference will focus on the following critical topics:

- **Asset Framing:** Embrace a narrative that highlights individuals' strengths and aspirations, fostering a positive and empowering environment.
- **Administrative Leadership:** Participants will explore strategies for steering district and site-level success through collaboration and transformational leadership.
- **MTSS Support (Multi-Tiered System of Supports):** Learn about comprehensive support systems tailored to meet the needs of all students.
- **Integrated Educational Framework:** Discover how to create cohesive educational systems and structures that support every learner.
- **Family and Community Engagement:** Engage with innovative strategies to build strong partnerships with families and communities, enhancing student success.

Join us for an inspiring and collaborative experience as we work together to align systems and foster sustainability in educational environments for all.

## DATES AND TIME

Wednesday – Thursday, September 16 – 17, 2026  
8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
Doors open at 8:00 a.m.

## LOCATION

Riverside Convention Center  
3637 Fifth Street  
Riverside, CA 92501

## REGISTRATION FEE

- **\$400** Early Bird Registration  
(Ends Friday, August 14, 2026)
- **\$450** Registration

## REGISTRATION DEADLINE

Friday, September 4, 2026

**Cancellations/Refund Policy:** All cancellations must be made in writing prior to the Friday, August 14, 2026, deadline date. Refunds will not be issued after the deadline or for no-show participants.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## INTENDED AUDIENCE:

- District and Site Administrators
- Classified Staff
- Educators (Pre-K through 12, Special Education, Early Learning, and Career Technical Education)
- Student Support and Wellness Staff (Counselors, Psychologists, Nurses, Mental Health, and Health Practitioners)
- Community and Education Partners, including Outreach Staff and General Community Members
- Parents and Caregivers
- Board Members and Labor Leadership
- Library, Media, and Technology Staff

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