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Community Partner Spotlight: **Sweetwater Union High School District**

The Sweetwater Union High School District (SUHSD) operates more than 30 schools, including middle and high schools, alternative education centers, and adult education campuses across the South Bay. The district is known for its diverse student body, reflecting the rich ethnic backgrounds of the community, with a large representation of Latino, Filipino, and other minority groups. SUHSD focuses on college and career

readiness through programs like Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, Career Technical Education, and Dual Enrollment with local colleges.



Notably, Bonita Vista High School's Jennifer Ekstein was named a 2024-25 San Diego County Teacher of the Year for her innovative teaching and dedication to student success. Castle Park High School is also undergoing major renovations, including upgraded classrooms, enhanced technology, and improved athletic spaces. Additionally, IB programs at

Castle Park Middle and Bonita Vista Middle challenge students academically and develop their leadership and critical thinking skills.

SUHSD partners with San Diego State University through the Compact for Success Program, guaranteeing admission for eligible students and promoting higher graduation rates. Dual-enrollment programs with Southwestern College also allow students to earn college credits while still in high school, and partnerships with Sweetwater Authority and Otay Water District provide career pathways and internships.

Many SUHSD schools have earned distinctions such as California Distinguished Schools and National Blue Ribbon Schools, highlighting the district's commitment to excellence. Established in 1921, Sweetwater High School remains one of San Diego County's oldest schools. SUHSD also supports unique binational programs with schools in Tijuana, offering cross-border education and cultural exchanges. Strong community engagement is seen through initiatives like Foster and Homeless Youth Education Services, supported by partnerships with nonprofits like "Sweetwater Cares."

SUHSD and the City of Chula Vista are deeply connected through their shared focus on the education and well-being of the community. As one of the primary areas within SUHSD's jurisdiction, Chula Vista plays a significant role in shaping the district's policies, programs, and community engagement. Through education, workforce partnerships, community initiatives, and student involvement, SUHSD and Chula Vista are connected in a way that uplifts both the students and the broader community. These collaborations are key to building a stronger and more resilient Chula Vista.

"Sweetwater District schools are not only centers of learning, but also hubs of community engagement, where students, families, and educators come together to celebrate achievement and foster a spirit of collaboration," said Sweetwater Union High School District Superintendent Dr. Moises G. Aguirre, Ed.D. "Through a shared commitment to education and community well-being, SUHSD and the City of Chula Vista work hand-in-hand to uplift students and enrich the broader community."

For more information, visit the [Sweetwater Union High School District website](http://www.suhsd.org).