

## **TUSD Launches Dual Immersion Program in Spanish**

Torrance, CA – Torrance Unified School District announces launch of the first-ever Dual Immersion Program, being taught in Spanish. At yesterday's Board of Education meeting, the Board approved the program which will be offered to incoming (2021-2022) kindergarten students at both Carr and Torrance Elementary Schools.

"My colleagues on the Board of Education and I are so excited that TUSD will be offering this special program to our students," comments School Board President, Betty Lieu. "This unique opportunity to become bilingual starting at a young age will translate into higher achievement across all subject areas for these students."

Interested families of kindergarten students, Spanish or Non-Spanish speaking, can apply. The program can potentially enroll up to 100 students between the two schools, with priority given to those who live in the Carr or Torrance Elementary School boundaries. Students who live beyond those boundaries are encouraged to apply through the open enrollment and permit process (<https://www.tusd.org/parents/enrollment>).

The District will be hosting a **Parent Information Session on Wednesday, February 10th at 5:00 pm (in English) and at 6:30 pm (in Spanish)**. With the launch of this new program, we have invited educator, Ms. Tracy Pumilia to participate in the presentation and question and answer session. Ms. Pumilia is the former principal of El Marino Elementary School (Culver City). She will discuss her experiences launching a Spanish Dual Immersion program at that school and answer any parent questions. Dr. Kati Krumpe, TUSD Chief Academic Officer, will facilitate the meeting and will also be available to answer any questions.

Meeting Link: (Passcode: 738900)

<https://tusd-org.zoom.us/j/88538493251?pwd=VzMzTFhFL3E1d21aRTNyYWludVQZz09>

"The gift of bilingualism will give these students the competitive advantage to navigate an increasingly diverse society and prepare them for success beyond high school," comments Dr. Tim Stowe, TUSD Interim Superintendent. "Additionally, these students will have the opportunity to complete Advanced Placement Spanish early in high school, earn college credit via the AP Spanish Exam, and meet the requirements for the State Seal of Bilingualism upon graduation."

For more information please visit our website at:

<https://www.tusd.org/parents/enrollment/dual-language-immersion>

For additional questions please review the Frequently Asked Questions webpage:  
<https://www.tusd.org/parents/enrollment/dual-immersion-faq>