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Fanning Elementary to Become Brea's First Computer Science Magnet School

*District to partner with nation's leading creator of
immersive computer science curricula Code to the Future*

BREA, Calif. - Computing is currently the fastest-growing, highest-paying and largest sector of new jobs in the United States. The Bureau of Labor Statistics predicts that there will be over one million computing job openings by 2022. Computer science is now considered foundational for every child, regardless of career choice, as technology affects every field.

To keep up with this growing demand, the Brea Olinda Unified School District (BOUSD) has partnered with Code to the Future to launch the district's first Computer Science Magnet School at Fanning Elementary School beginning in the 2018-2019 school year.

Code to the Future, the nation's leading creator of immersive computer science curricula, will engage all students in grades TK - 6 in technology and coding-based lessons integrated into daily instruction and core subjects.

Dr. Brad Mason, the superintendent for the Brea Olinda Unified School District, said the district is pleased to announce its partnership with Code to the Future and is excited about the program as it will transition students from being just players or consumers of technology to creators and innovators of it.

"Our goal is to expose students early in their education, creating a strong foundation for them to explore the computer science pathways we offer at Brea Junior High and Brea Olinda High School," said Mason. "We believe this opportunity will help launch students to become leaders in the industry locally and around the world."



Through the partnership with Code To The Future, teachers will be able to engage students through block and text-based coding activities to enhance their education experiences through Computer Science. Students will use [Scratch](#) (a programming language from MIT), Scratch Jr., Lego Bricks, and [Lego WeDo](#) to learn coding.

At the May 7th meeting, the BOUSD Board of Education approved the partnership with Code to the Future. An additional presentation about next steps with Code to the Future and Fanning Elementary will be given at the June 11th board meeting.

Parents interested in learning more about the new Computer Science Magnet School at Fanning Elementary can call the district at 714-990-7800.

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