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**Brea Olinda USD Board of Education Revises Name of  
William E. Fanning Elementary School**

*Following a 4-1 vote, the Board took action to name the school  
Fanning Academy of Science & Technology.*

**BREA, Calif.** - The Brea Olinda Unified School District (BOUSD) Board of Education took action Monday night to revise the name of William E. Fanning Elementary School to align with the school's new science and technology focus. Following a 4-1 vote, the Board took action to name the school Fanning Academy of Science & Technology.

This move occurs after seeking input from Fanning families, staff and community members, and at the direction of the Board, BOUSD Superintendent Brad Mason recommended the Board of Education select the new school name from one of the five names provided:

1. Brea Academy of Science & Technology
2. Falcon Academy of Science & Technology
3. Fanning Academy of Science & Technology
4. Heritage Hills Academy of Science & Technology
5. William E. Fanning Academy of Science & Technology

In September, 2018, Fanning Elementary began offering a new computer science program called Code to the Future (CTTF) to all of its 490+ students. This nationally recognized program was highlighted by the White House for its leadership in teaching computer science education for elementary students. The District is excited about the new learning opportunities students

have experienced as a result of implementing this 21st Century curriculum.

This program provides computer coding instruction for all students at the school as part of their weekly curriculum. With the creation of this program, students will now have a TK-12th grade Computer Science Pathway that begins at Fanning, continues at Brea Junior High with computer science elective classes and culminates at Brea Olinda High School with the Global IT Academy (GITA).

Over the next few months, district staff will be working closely with staff at Fanning on a name transition plan for the 2019-20 school year.

For additional information on the Board of Education and a list of future board meeting dates, please visit the district website at [www.bousd.us](http://www.bousd.us) and click on the “Board” tab at the top of the page.

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