

Input Received Regarding RSCCD Mission Statement

Current Mission Statement:

"The mission of the Rancho Santiago Community College District and its colleges is to provide quality educational programs and services that address the needs of our diverse students and communities."

Seven respondents liked the mission statement as is.

Comments/Suggestions:

That seems cool - I get the idea of it - as long as the implication isn't that the district does what the colleges do... or directs (as opposed to supports) their respective missions.

My suggestion would be:

The Rancho Santiago Community College District and its two colleges - Santa Ana College and Santiago Canyon College, will provide quality educational programs and services that address the needs of our diverse students and communities.

Why does the District Mission statement say what the Colleges' missions are? Not sure I agree with the wording of this statement. It seems to me that the goal of the proposed mission statement should try to capture the role of the District Office, not necessarily the individual colleges. I would suggest something along the lines of:

"The mission of the Rancho Santiago Community College District ~~and~~ IS TO ENABLE THE colleges ~~is~~ to provide quality educational programs and services that address the needs of our diverse students and communities."

Or, if the goal is to capture what the purpose of the District is in its entirety, then I would suggest:

"The mission of the Rancho Santiago Community College District ~~and its colleges~~ is to provide quality educational programs and services that address the needs of our diverse students and communities."

As for the general meaning of the mission statement, I think it is fine. As for the wording, here is a possible alternative (last phrase):

“The mission of the Rancho Santiago Community College District and its Colleges is to provide quality educational programs and services that address the needs of our diverse student body and community.”

The meaning being that the student body (which is "one") is diverse (rather than individual students being diverse within themselves). Also, It can be argued that there are "communities" and that there is "a community". I believe the idea of a community - which is diverse in its composition - is a more accurate and healthier perspective. (Also, perhaps "colleges" should be capitalized.) I am not that versed in how the word "diverse" is best used, but considering the examples on this webpage - <http://sentence.yourdictionary.com/diverse> - I think it works best when modifying something singular:

- A Diverse Workforce
- A Diverse Population
- A Diverse Audience

Just "food for thought". I'm sure you'll hammer through these issues just fine at your meeting. Good luck!

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Since you asked how about adding the word "high" in front of the word quality and omit the word "diverse"

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I like the economy of words used for the district mission statement. Possibly consider “access” and “relevant programs”.

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I would just change “our” in the Mission Statement to the “District’s.” The pronoun “our” seems informal.