

# CEC NEWSLETTER

VISALIA UNIFIED PROJECTS

## MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD

*DR. STEPHEN MORRIS*

The Civic Education Center became involved with Visalia Unified School District (VUSD) via an invitation and contract from the Ethics department at CSU Fresno. The purpose of our involvement was to nurture districtwide inclusivity teams. Visalia Unified created the inclusivity teams to give students and staff a safe space to address race, gender identity, and dress code enforcement concerns.

In just over a year, CEC has witnessed tremendous change. The superintendent, Dr. Ravalin, and district administrator, Mr. Gridiron have built a dynamic team in which each member is committed to providing a safe, high-quality learning environment for all students. This fall, despite the pandemic, VUSD's students have become involved in our Democracy School. They are tackling some very complex issues such as houselessness (homelessness), mental health, farmworkers, and school policy issues. We at CEC are very impressed with the skill and knowledgeable energy these students bring to each meeting. However, this should come as no surprise, given the safe space now exist at VUSD.

We are looking forward to the accomplishments and projects of these extraordinary students.

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### Civic Engagement Project - School Democracy Program

**CIVIC ENGAGEMENT PROJECT**

**Orientation Meeting**  
December 11th  
3:30-4:30

This project provides the opportunity to work with your school and peers.

Groups will identify a need in the community or at their school and create a project to help meet that need. This is more than just a history class or weekend project, this is an opportunity to learn how you can make a difference and put these skills into action. Seniors who complete the requirements of this project will receive special Civic Engagement Cards to wear at graduation signifying their participation and action in our community.

Register to Attend  
<https://tinyurl.com/vsd/civiceducationengagement>

Civic Education Center EQUITY STUDENT SERVICES

EMPOWERING YOUTH VOICE:

- Civic Service Projects
- Grant Opportunities
- Prerequisite for College
- Community Building

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INTERESTED? JOIN US FOR AN OPEN ORIENTATION!  
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Brandon Gridiron  
Civic Education Center Democracy Program  
Stephen Morris  
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Frank Escobar

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