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**New Cesar Chavez Early Learning Center to Open in Fall 2022**

Alum Rock Union Elementary School District and Kidango partner to expand quality early care and education in San Jose.

San Jose, Calif. (May 12, 2022) - [Alum Rock Union Elementary School District](http://www.arUSD.org) is excited to announce the creation of The Cesar Chavez Early Learning Center to transform the educational landscape in San Jose and throughout the state.

As California public schools transition to serve all four-year-olds during the next three years through transitional kindergarten, the Alum Rock Union Elementary District has an unprecedented opportunity to expand services to serve more children under the age of 3 years, a segment of the population that has been underserved for decades.

“The Cesar Chavez Early Learning Center will be an all-in-one campus offering a continuum of support for families with children ages birth to 5 years. This new center will provide our youngest learners in Alum Rock with equitable access to quality early childhood programs to ensure every child is set up for success in kindergarten and life” said Dr. Hilaria Bauer, Superintendent of Alum Rock Union Elementary Schools.

In partnership with [Kidango](http://www.kidango.org), which has been serving the Alum Rock community for 20 years, the Cesar Chavez Early Learning Center will provide families with young children early care and education services including full-day infant, toddler and preschool care in a safe, nurturing learning environment where children can develop social, emotional and academic skills. The Center will also provide after school care and summer school for children in transitional kindergarten and kindergarten.

“Families in Alum Rock, like throughout the Bay Area, struggle to afford living here. By providing our youngest families with free childcare, preschool and after school, we are empowering families to stay in Alum Rock and their children to be ready for success in school. Our goal is for the Cesar Chavez Early Learning Center to provide a dual language

experience for all children, starting at birth, which has been a desire in the Mayfair community for a long time” said Scott Moore, CEO of Kidango.

The Cesar Chavez Early Learning Center will open this fall for families who need childcare for their infants and toddlers so they can attend school, secure employment, and support their families. A grand opening is scheduled for September 9, 2022 on the Cesar Chavez campus.

About Alum Rock Union Elementary School District

The Alum Rock Union Elementary School District is a family-oriented district community committed to its children and schools. Our Early Learning system ensures all children have access to high-quality early education experiences. We believe that Early education quality experiences play an important role in preparing children for school success and lead to higher levels of educational attainment, career advancement, and future earnings. For more information, visit www.arusd.org.

About Kidango

Kidango is an early learning nonprofit committed to setting every child on a path to thrive in kindergarten and in life. We believe that every child has unlimited potential if we empower our children, families, and communities with the best opportunities and resources. As the largest childcare provider in the San Francisco Bay Area, we provide 4,000 children with safe, healthy, nurturing environments and relationships, so that every child has the social, emotional, and academic skills they need to learn, grow and realize their potential. For more information, visit www.kidango.org.

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