

We are requesting support from Partners for Rural Impact to fund a collaborative initiative involving two teaching staff and up to 20 students to design, prepare, and deliver an impactful Opening Day program for Menifee County Schools staff. This program will center around the theme: “Menifee Starts With Me.”

The program will showcase the voices, creativity, and leadership of our students while setting a positive tone for the 2025–2026 school year. It will emphasize the individual and collective responsibility of staff in shaping the lives of our youth and advancing our shared educational mission.

Funding Request (see attached budget)

We respectfully request PRI’s support in funding:

- 2 certified teaching staff who will guide, mentor, and coordinate student participants during the summer.
- Supplies and logistical support for rehearsals, materials, and presentation needs.
- Participation stipends and/or incentives for up to 20 students who will contribute through performance, multimedia, storytelling, and production roles.

This initiative directly supports PRI’s four foundational pillars:

1. Cradle to Career Outcomes
This program engages students in meaningful, real-world learning and leadership experiences that foster communication, collaboration, and presentation skills. It also deepens student understanding of personal responsibility and community investment—skills vital for lifelong success.
2. Equity
By lifting student voices and recognizing the diverse experiences they bring, this project ensures that all participants feel valued and seen. The program will reflect the rich diversity of our community and emphasize inclusive narratives.
3. Collaboration
This initiative is a joint effort between students, educators, district leaders, and community partners. It embodies the spirit of working together to achieve lasting change and shared success.
4. Sustainability
Investing in student leadership and staff development through creative, student-led programming helps cultivate a culture of ownership and innovation. This kind of initiative can become a sustainable, annual tradition that grows in impact year after year.

Conclusion

“Menifee Starts With Me” is more than a theme—it’s a call to action for everyone in our school system and community. With your support, we can launch the school year in a way that is inspiring, student-centered, and aligned with the values of PRI.

We thank you for your continued partnership and consideration of this proposal.