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### **Riverdale Tech Academy Named Apple Distinguished School**

Garden Grove, CA — October 3, 2022 — Riverdale Tech Academy is pleased to announce that it has been recognized as an Apple Distinguished School for 2022–2025 for its 1:1 iPad program that promotes students and teachers to be empowered, innovative and inspired through the use of technology.

Apple Distinguished Schools are centers of innovation, leadership, and educational excellence. They use Apple technology to inspire creativity, collaboration and critical thinking in learning, teaching and the school environment, and have documented results of academic accomplishment.

“We are honored to receive the designation of Apple Distinguished School at Riverdale. It validates the hard work and resiliency of the teachers, students, and community,” stated Principal Christopher Ash.

“We are so proud of Riverdale Tech Academy for earning this recognition as an Apple Distinguished School,” said Walter Muneton, Board of Education President. “The school’s 1:1 iPad program kept students on track during distance learning and has brought a new level of innovation and collaboration to the classroom.”

Students use iPad daily to create presentations, publish electronic books, create movies, design posters, learn to code, and produce a student-led weekly news broadcast called Riverdale News. The technology has allowed students to take new risks, and take greater ownership of their work. At home, students extend their learning using iPad with projects that bring families together to learn. Riverdale’s core values of being empowered, innovative, and inspired are the driving forces behind the use of technology.

All Riverdale Tech Academy teachers have received Apple Teacher recognition through the Apple Education Community Learning Center and collaboration has centered around creating technology-rich lessons.

Riverdale Tech Academy is one of nearly 70 Garden Grove Unified School District schools. Riverdale serves 492 students in grades TK-6 from the cities of Garden Grove and Santa Ana.