Summary of Educational Center Actions

In 2004, when voters of the Rio Hondo Community College District approved the Measure A Bond, they did so with the promise by the District to construct two off-campus educational centers, one in El Monte and the other in South Whittier. Since 2004, amid the replacement of four of the five Trustee seats, the Board has remained steadfast in its commitment to the communities they represent.

In 2010, after nearly four years of input from the community, the Board oversaw the development and opening of the South Whittier Educational Center (SWEC) at South Whittier's Los Angeles County Sheriff's Training and Regional Services Center. Similarly, after nearly seven years of community input for the El Monte Educational Center (EMEC), the Board officially opened the El Monte site in 2013. Community advisory committees for both educational centers were established in 2006 so that community representatives could provide feedback as to what types of courses or services were most needed. Community advisory committee input was essential and ongoing throughout the planning and construction years. Even though South Whittier and El Monte were the chosen sites for the off-campus facilities, all Trustees were steadfast and unified toward their common purpose.