

**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** October 17, 2018

**TO:** Dylan Rodriguez, Chair  
Riverside Division of Academic Senate

**FROM:** Jean Helwege, Chair   
School of Business Executive Committee

Re: RUSD STEM High School

On behalf of the faculty of the School of Business and its Executive Committee, I write in support of the proposed STEM High School to be built on UCR's campus.

We are very much in favor of building a stronger connection between UCR and the local community and we believe this is a particularly effective way to do so. UCR prides itself on being a welcoming environment for students from underrepresented groups and creating this opportunity for RUSD students is an excellent way to continue this tradition.

Another strong positive element of the plan to build the STEM high school on campus is the quality of the students. The discipline of business is a quantitative one and we are keen to get more students who are comfortable with figures and are able to apply their training in statistics and calculus.

We encourage the UCR administration in its efforts with RUSD and hope that Provost Larive and Chancellor Wilcox are quickly able to resolve the issues involved in providing a safe and convenient location for the<sup>1</sup> high school.