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Rio Rancho Public Schools and National UFO Historical Records Center Announce Groundbreaking Partnership

Rio Rancho, New Mexico, June 25, 2024 – Rio Rancho Public Schools (RRPS) and the National UFO Historical Records Center, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, are thrilled to announce a historic partnership aimed at preserving significant historical resources and fostering educational opportunities within the community.

This Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), effective as of June 24, 2024, marks the beginning of a collaborative effort to combine the resources and expertise of both parties to benefit students, parents, and the broader community of Rio Rancho and Sandoval County.

The partnership stems from a shared vision to protect historical resources and promote scientific fields of study in Rio Rancho. The National UFO Historical Records Center, a custodian of a substantial collection of the nation's historical documents related to UFO reports and investigations that include original (declassified) military reports, will work closely with RRPS to house and secure these invaluable documents within existing school facilities.

RRPS is committed to working with the Center to provide innovative ways for students and parents to engage in educational opportunities that promote historical research, critical thinking, and scientific investigation. This collaboration will offer students unique access to historical materials, fostering a deeper understanding of archival preservation, public display of historical documents, investigative procedures, and ethical considerations related to such activities.

The National UFO Historical Records Center brings a wealth of educational programs designed to develop skills in archival preservation, public history, and investigative research. By partnering with RRPS, these programs will be accessible to students and the community, creating a dynamic learning environment that encourages the exploration of historical and scientific subjects.

The initial term of this agreement is set for five years, with the possibility of renewal. Both parties are dedicated to the success of this partnership and look forward to creating lasting educational and historical preservation opportunities in Rio Rancho and beyond.

“We are excited to embark on this unique partnership with the National UFO Historical Records Center,” said Michael Baker, Chief Operations Officer. “This collaboration will not only preserve important historical documents but also provide our students with exceptional educational experiences.”

“This agreement represents a significant step in the preservation and education of our nation's UFO history,” added David Marler, Executive Director of the National UFO Historical Records Center. “We are proud to partner with Rio Rancho Public Schools to inspire the next generation of historians and scientists.”

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