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**CHRIS CATE TO KICKOFF LUNAR NEW YEAR WITH SAN DIEGO'S FIRST CHINESE SCHOOL
Councilmember to Ring in the Year of the Ox (Virtually) & Declare Day in Kearny Mesa School's Honor**

San Diego, CA: February 12th marks the beginning of the Lunar New Year, a cultural festival celebrated at the turn of the Chinese lunisolar calendar. The Chinese Zodiac features 12 animal signs in a cycle not only used to represent years in China, but is also believed to influence people's personalities, career, compatibility, marriage, and fortune. 2021 is the Year of the Ox. In the Chinese culture, the ox is a faithful friend who makes great contributions to the development of society. As such, people born in the Year of the Ox are considered industrious and cautious, hold their faith firmly, and are always glad to offer help.

Founded more than 100 years ago, San Diego's first Chinese school, the [Chinese School of San Diego](#), provides its students with a lifelong love of learning, helps them with their personal growth and development, and teaches them the value of community involvement. Additionally, the Chinese School of San Diego has been recognized for their instruction in both Cantonese and Mandarin, their knowledge of Chinese culture and history, and their emphasis on Chinese listening, speaking, reading, writing, and translation.

"With one in every three residents in District 6 being of Asian American descent, I am honored to recognize the Chinese School of San Diego and celebrate the Year of the Ox. The Chinese School in Kearny Mesa is an integral part of our culturally vibrant city," stated Councilmember Chris Cate.

WHAT: Chinese School of San Diego's Year of the Ox (Virtual) Celebration

WHEN: Friday, February 12, 2021 at 8:00 a.m.

LOCATION: <https://chineseschoolsd.com/>

Additional Lunar New Year celebrations in San Diego:

- [Asian Business Association of San Diego's](#) Lunar New Year
- Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association's [39th Annual Chinese New Year Fair](#)
- Vietnamese American Youth Alliance & Vietnamese Federation of San Diego's [Tet Festival](#)

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