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FULLERTON SCHOOL DISTRICT ***Grant Funds to Help Kick Off New School Year***

(Fullerton, CA) – To kick off the 2020-21 school year, Fullerton School District is pleased to have been awarded a grant of almost \$300,000 through the K12 Strong Workforce Program. This grant was officially awarded in Spring 2020, by the Workforce and Economic Development Division of the California Colleges Chancellor’s Office and will be used for implementation this school year. The awarded funds will be used to work with Fullerton College and North County Regional Occupation Program (ROP) over the next two years to enhance and expand FSD’s college and career pathways program known as PATHFinder.

The K12 Strong Workforce Program grant is part of a \$150 million commitment by the state to provide ongoing funding to Local Education Agencies (LEAs) to build coherent pathways between K-12 school districts, community colleges, and career technical education (CTE) partners such as ROP to meet local workforce needs and prepare students for high-demand jobs.

FSD’s capacity to implement college and career activities at the K-8 level is unique; of the 234 funded applications across California, Fullerton School District was one of just two K-8 school districts. Of the 11 applications funded within Orange County, only one, FSD, was K-8, and FSD was also one of only four school districts in the county to be funded. Additionally, Orange County Department of Education (OCDE) was awarded funding for three proposals through this grant opportunity, from which FSD is expecting to receive additional funds to support professional development.

The Fullerton School District is located in northern Orange County, California and serves over 12,100 students in grades TK – 8th. The Fullerton School District includes 20 schools, 15 elementary schools, two K-8th grade schools, and three middle schools. The mission of the Fullerton School District is to work collaboratively with the community to provide an innovative, high-quality educational program for all students in a safe learning environment. The District motto, “*Great Schools - Successful Kids*” exemplifies the belief that all students will achieve academic excellence, acquire interpersonal skills, and

develop technological expertise to contribute as productive citizens in a democratic society. For more information, call 714/447-7400 or visit www.fullertonsd.org.

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