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### **FULLERTON SCHOOL DISTRICT** ***Department of Justice Grant to Help Keep our Students Safe***

**(Fullerton, CA)** – Fullerton School District (FSD) has been awarded a \$500,000 school safety grant from the Department of Justice Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS). This funding will ensure that all 20 schools in FSD have “smart” video surveillance cameras and gunshot detectors to serve as deterrent and identification tools and expedited notification to local law enforcement during an emergency.

The implementation of these grant-funded items aligns with growing parent concerns about safety nationwide and most recently at Community Block Parties held for each Board of Trustee area in the 2019-2020 school year. The Community Block Parties were an opportunity for FSD families to gather, learn more about FSD, special programs, upcoming projects and provide input on FSD goals.

FSD is one of 17 school districts in California to be awarded funding from the COPS grant and one of only three in Orange County. Dr. Bob Pletka, Superintendent, shared, “FSD is pleased to receive this funding that will help to deter vandalism and burglary and accelerate the capacity of school sites to fully achieve district goals related to ensuring emergency preparedness and the installation of video surveillance cameras.”

The Fullerton School District is located in northern Orange County, California and serves over 12,100 students in grades TK – 8<sup>th</sup>. The Fullerton School District includes 20 schools, 15 elementary schools, two K-8<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.fullertonsd.org).

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