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EUREKA SCHOOLS FOUNDATION IS SENDING OUT AN S.O.S. – THE “SUSTAIN OUR SCHOOLS” CAMPAIGN

Funds raised during Annual Giving Campaign provides district-wide salaries and resources for teachers and staff in numerous enrichment program areas

MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2009—Granite Bay, Calif.— The Eureka Schools Foundation (ESF) announced today it is kicking off this year’s Annual Giving Campaign to raise the necessary funds to make education programs available to every student at every school within the Eureka Union School District (EUSD). Around district schools this week, students and parents will see ESF volunteers working hard to raise awareness of the campaign and potential program cuts.

Since 1992, ESF has been the Eureka Union School District’s primary fundraising organization and has allowed the school district to flourish while other districts have had to resort to painful cuts to education programs. This year, ESF kicks off its Annual Giving Campaign in the midst of the school district dealing with a projected 3-year, \$3.4 million deficit after a school closure. The district has developed a list of enrichment program cuts that will be necessary unless our community can rally to sustain them. **Budget cuts have been defined, and pink slips are expected to start being delivered to teachers and staff no later than March 15.**

“These deep budget cuts are projected to lead to significant program reductions and have an effect on the quality of EUSD student education,” said Dr. Tim McCarty, Superintendent, Eureka Union School District. “It is vitally important that the school district continues to offer the range of advantage-based programs to our students and without the funds given by ESF, the district would be faced with a scenario similar to other districts in our region that will start to cut program after program.”

Taxpayers might be surprised to learn that such items as library support, music, and computer education are **not** adequately funded by our state. **If ESF isn’t able to raise the funds to preserve these worthy programs, they can be cut.** In short, these critical times require more than an annual effort, but instead a longer view to sustain our schools. **So ESF is sending out an S.O.S.**

S.O.S. – SUSTAIN OUR SCHOOLS. A DOLLAR-A-DAY CAN MAKE THE DIFFERENCE

This year's campaign would like for parents and community members to be part of a sustained solution – at a cost that is manageable for most families. Signing up online (at eurekaschoolsfoundation.org) for an ongoing S.O.S. donation of just a dollar-a-day can make a profound difference in solving our district's budget crisis. Donations are 100% tax-deductible!

EXCELLENT SCHOOLS NEED EVERYONE'S SUPPORT

ESF raises and equitably distributes donation resources from our community partners – parents, businesses and neighbors - to every student within the Eureka Union School District. This year, The Fountains in Roseville has partnered with ESF to preserve and improve our children's education in our school district by helping ESF raise awareness in the community.

ESF SUSTAINS OUR SCHOOLS - EVERY SCHOOL, EVERY GRADE, EVERY DAY

Donations to the Eureka Schools Foundation sustain, in whole or in part, these valuable programs that are at risk unless parents and the community act decisively:

- Weekly **music** program in grades 4-6
- **Band** instruction in grades 5-8
- Ongoing **library** resources and clerks in grades K-8
- After-school **athletics** and **coaches** in grades 7-8
- Before and after school **Spanish** language instruction in grades 1-6
- **Technology hardware, software** and **support staff** in grades K-8

Local real estate agents also understand the defining differences of the Eureka Union School District (EUSD) and how it maps back to property values. "One of the first questions I generally get asked by interested homebuyers who are evaluating the Roseville- Rocklin- Granite Bay area, is about the Eureka Union School District and which area has more notable academic indicator numbers," said Martin Horning, a local Real Estate agent who has been successfully selling properties in South Placer County for nearly 15 years. "Excellent schools keep the local Granite Bay and East Roseville areas significantly distinguished which reflects in better than average property values and is what makes this local community so extraordinary."

The Eureka Schools Foundation would like for parents and property owners within the boundaries of the Eureka Union School District (EUSD) – including homeowners without school-age children and area businesses – to be part of a sustained solution to keep our area schools at their high performance levels.

About The Eureka Schools Foundation

The Eureka Schools Foundation (ESF) is a non-profit foundation which supports the students in the Eureka Union School District. Founded more than 15 years ago by parents, community members, and local businesses, ESF has served to bridge the gap in unpredictable and

insufficient education funding from our state government. ESF preserves programs and resources that are essential building-blocks to kids' education and their future. For more information, please visit www.eureka-schools-foundation.org.

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