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EUREKA SCHOOLS FOUNDATION DONATES OVER \$500,000 FOR THE CHILDREN OF THE EUREKA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Granite Bay, California (May 11, 2010) – The Board of Directors of the Eureka Schools Foundation (ESF) voted last week to allocate over \$500,000 for the students of the Eureka Union School District for the 2010/2011 school year. ESF's allocations are used for district wide enrichment programs including libraries, computer technology, music, band, choir, foreign language, and athletics.

Superintendent Dr. Tim McCarty says, "The Eureka Schools Foundation has a longstanding tradition of raising funds *with* parents, community members and local businesses to support Eureka Schools' quest to be the best school district in the region. Our Foundation supports enrichment programs to help all of our students achieve a 21st century education. The Foundation's support in concert with our other parent groups has enabled our district to provide the enrichment programs that bridge the shortfall from the State budget. Our educators are deeply indebted to the generosity of our parent and local business community."

The fundraising efforts begin each year in November with ESF's Annual Dinner Dance and Auction Gala, followed by the Golf Tournament, 5K Fund Run, coming up May 23, and the Annual Giving Campaign. Collectively these annual events raise the funds needed each school year to fund all or a portion of the enrichment programs offered to students. This year, due to the serious budget crisis the district faces, ESF was asked to raise even more money than in previous years. This allocation will allow the district to keep all libraries staffed and open on each campus, as well as keep all computer technology classes staffed across the district. All of the district's enrichment programs will be saved for the upcoming 2010/2011 school year.

ESF 2010/2011 School Year Allocation

- \$430,000 given for libraries, computer technology, music, band, choir and junior high athletics
- \$32,000 in block grants to each school site averaging about \$4,000 per school
- \$30,000 given for the teachers of EUSD that attend the district's Summer Training Institute (there are over 100 teachers currently registered to attend this program)
- \$24,000 for Viva Espanol, the district's foreign language program
- \$6,000 for three EUSD teams to attend the national Destination Imagination championships later this month in Nashville, Tennessee

The Foundation's Annual Giving Campaign, ending in March, posted very strong results, raising over \$180,000 through donations given by families in the district. President of ESF Renee Nash comments, "The outpouring of support from businesses in our community and families in our district has been unprecedented given the challenging economic climate our community has faced over the last few years. We are grateful and appreciative of every donation we have received over this fundraising period to make this large allocation to the children of our school district possible".

For more information on the Eureka Schools Foundation, visit www.eurekaschoolsfoundation.org.

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