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FULLERTON SCHOOL DISTRICT ***Fullerton School District Awarded CAPP***

(Fullerton, CA) – Fullerton School District has been awarded a 2022 California Pivotal Practice Program (CAPP) award from the California Department of Education. CAPP recognizes California districts and public schools that have demonstrated innovation and exceptional work when California required schools to offer distance learning due to the COVID-19 pandemic. FSD is one of 15 districts in Orange County announced as winners of a new state award celebrating innovative practices from the 2020-21 school year, when many California schools were transitioning back to in-person learning.

The 2022 CAPP Award was unveiled this year in place of the California Distinguished Schools, which typically honors high-performing campuses. With testing back in place and most COVID-19 protocols lifted, the California Distinguished Schools list is expected to return in 2023. However, in the interim, the CAPP Award honors schools and districts that designed and implemented unique learning opportunities and strategies during and after distance learning.

Statewide, 121 school districts were recognized with CAPP awards this year after submitting online applications highlighting innovative practices in at least one of four target areas — student engagement, technology distribution, nutrition services, and social-emotional well-being.

“I’m incredibly proud of these schools and districts for their creativity, dedication, and innovation in the face of adversity,” State Superintendent Tony Thurmond said in a news release. “These schools led incredible efforts to engage students, distribute technology, provide meals, and support the social and emotional well-being of students during an incredibly difficult time for schools and families.”

The Fullerton School District is located in northern Orange County, California and serves over 11,100 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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