



For Immediate Release

1401 W. Valencia Drive
Fullerton, CA 92833
714-447-7480

October 12, 2023

FULLERTON SCHOOL DISTRICT ***Sprouts Farmers Market's Generous Donations To Two Schools***

(Fullerton, CA) – Fullerton School District's (FSD) Commonwealth and Maple Schools have been selected to receive generous starter donations from Sprouts Farmers Market. On Thursday, October 12, 2023, Commonwealth School received a \$15,000 check from Sprouts Farmers Market to support the creation of a small garden space. The generous donation is supplemented by store give cards given to help support the FSD cooking competition at Commonwealth School this Spring along with stipend dollars to help tend the garden space.

Anthony Abney, Maple School Principal, was on hand to receive a \$50,000 check from Sprouts Farmers Market. This funding is for a multi-faceted program at Maple School. Funds will be used to create a Cafeteria to Compost Program, including infrastructure development and training. Maple School will participate in resource sharing, mentoring and training with a peer-to-peer training model with former Sprouts project recipient. The intent is to bring students voice and agency to this work. Funds will also be used to install a school learning garden and assist with the Maple School's Fall Festival.

The funding is from Sprouts Healthy Communities Foundation Partnership. Sprouts Healthy Communities Grant are designed to help nonprofit partners scale programs and serve a greater number of individuals. The funding goal is for organizations to build capacity and expand their reach within the communities they serve.

“Fullerton School District is honored to receive these generous donations from Sprouts to help with the District's overall efforts toward conservation. Community collaboration, as exemplified by the Sprouts donation, helps to benefit the entire community and enhance the learning of our students,” said Dr. Bob Pletka, Superintendent.

The Fullerton School District is located in northern Orange County, California and serves over 11,600 students in grades TK – 8th. The Fullerton School District includes 21 schools, 15 elementary schools, two K-8th grade schools, three middle schools, and a distance learning and home school model. 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.

###

For more information, please feel free to contact Anthony Abney/Principal, Maple School at 714/447-7590 or Jean Summy/Principal, Commonwealth School at 714/447-7705.