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FULLERTON SCHOOL DISTRICT *Superintendent's Student Advisory Committee*

(Fullerton, CA) - Fullerton School District's Superintendent's Student Advisory Committee is set to showcase annual projects at the May Board of Trustees Meeting. In Spring 2023, Fullerton School District's Superintendent's Student Advisory Committee was established, comprising 7th and 8th grade student representatives from junior high and K-8 schools, along with Dr. Bob Pletka and district staff. The primary objective of the committee is to provide students with a platform to identify positive aspects within their respective schools and address challenges they perceive on their campuses.

During the initial year, the Committee participated in an anti-bullying campaign or a poster contest aimed at promoting kindness across each campus. For the 2023-2024 school year, the committee of 22 students chose the theme of "Kindness, Laughter, and Joy," modeled after the FSD management retreat. The focus this year is for students to collaborate with District Office staff to enhance student participation and engagement within the Fullerton School District. Together, they brainstorm, plan, and execute school-based and community service projects across K-8 and junior high school campuses.

In Fall 2023, committee projects included partnering with Team Kids to organize a student-led carnival, raising funds for a local animal shelter. Additionally, they conducted a jacket and sweatshirt drive for The Hub at Valencia Park Elementary and hosted a bake sale during after-school sports events to support a local non-profit organization.

Spring 2024 projects currently underway include creating and delivering cards to local assisted living facilities, launching "Buddy Day" where kindergarten students pair up with 8th-grade students to explore traditions and activities at Fisler School, organizing baked goods sales to support a local mental health non-profit, and planning a Cultural Fair during lunchtime at Parks Junior High. Students are actively engaged in these projects, demonstrating their commitment to serving their community. "The Superintendent's Student Advisory Committee amplifies student voices and leadership, enabling them to craft school experiences that emphasize meaningful engagement and positively impact the student's educational journey," said Superintendent Dr. Bob Pletka.

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.

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