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GUHSD RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS HP INNOVATIONS IN EDUCATION GRANT

\$265,000 Grant Aims to Improve Student Interest and Achievement in Math & Science

EL CAJON, CA—The Grossmont Union High School District was selected as one of 25 school districts in the United States to receive a highly competitive 2009 HP Innovations in Education grant. Targeted at school districts serving students in grades 6 through 12, the grant program is designed to help educators address the need for raising student achievement in math and science and increase student awareness in high-tech college and career opportunities.

Valhalla High School and Helix Charter High School will receive an HP Innovations in Education award package of HP technology, cash, and professional services valued at more than \$265,000.

Technologies such as wireless HP tablet PCs, wide-format HP DesignJet printers, high-power mobile workstations, mini-notebook PCs, and HP graphing calculators, will be used in innovative ways to fundamentally redesign the student learning experience.

The Grossmont Union High School District has been awarded the 2009 HP Innovations in Education Grant for the program entitled, "Learning Beyond the Boundaries (LB²): Using the 3Rs (Rigor, Relevance and Relationships) to make earth science real: $LB^2 + 3R = \text{Scientific Learning for the 21}^{\text{st}}$ Century." This grant will provide teams of four teachers each at both Valhalla and Helix with over \$265,000 worth of digital classroom equipment, including computers calculators, printers, and cameras, as well as nationally certified professional development for using technology in the classroom. Equipped with these technologies and specialized training, teachers will develop lesson plans to use Geospatial information system science, and will teach students to utilize self-generated and/or self-collected data to create a novel display of current world and local conditions. The students will use GPS units to work with local agencies and will create projects such as water monitoring or traffic flow in applied learning activities that will contribute to solving community issues.

"This partnership between industry and our schools gives us the ability to provide students with education in real world problems while using cutting edge technology," said Superintendent Robert Collins. "Without the support of HP, our students and teachers would not have the specific educational opportunities provided for by their generosity."

"Innovation is key to expanding education opportunity – and HP is privileged to collaborate with educators around the world who are committed to exploring the exciting possibilities that exist at the intersection of teaching, learning, and technology," said Jim Vanides, Worldwide Program Manager for HP Global Social Investments. "Emerging evidence from the last five years is very positive – excellent instruction combined with the right technologies is measurably improving student academic success."

More information about the 2009 HP Innovations in Education initiative is available at www.hp.com/go/grants.

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