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Media Release

Hillsboro and Forest Grove School Districts Earn \$193,056 CTE Grant for Summer Programming

Grant will support ¡Sí, Se Puede! Technology Camp for Latino students in 2016 and 2017

April 1, 2016, Hillsboro, OR – The Oregon Department of Education has announced that the ¡Sí, Se Puede! Technology Camp proposed by Hillsboro and Forest Grove School Districts is one of nine across the state to have been awarded a second-round Career and Technical Education (CTE) Revitalization grant, with an award amount of \$193,056.

The goals of the ¡Sí, Se Puede! Technology Camp are to expose native Spanish speakers to career and post-secondary opportunities in the STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) fields; increase their participation in and deepen their engagement with existing CTE programs of study; teach key STEM skills and concepts; and introduce them to state-of-the-art software and technology used in high-wage, high-demand careers—including drafting, robotics, electronics, computer programming, and advanced manufacturing.

The camp will be held at Hillsboro High School in the summers of 2016 and 2017. It will serve at least 60 Latino high school students over two weeks, and at least 60 Latino middle school students over one week, each year. Historically underserved students will be recruited to participate in the camps, and at least ten high school students each from the Hillsboro and Forest Grove School Districts will be identified and hired as paid interns to serve as mentors.

Partners in the project include 4-H Tech Wizards, Intel, Portland Community College, and R&D Plastics. 4-H Tech Wizards, an initiative of Oregon State University's Extension Service, is a bilingual afterschool mentoring program for vulnerable and marginalized youth with an interest in STEM fields. They will help write the camp's curriculum, which will incorporate best practices from their own program as well as the Girls Get IT! summer technology camp for girls—a student-led camp that has been operating at Hilhi for several years—and recruit participants. Other partners will help staff the camp, instruct various hands-on STEM lessons, and provide tours of operational technology spaces and labs.

The ¡Sí, Se Puede! Technology Camp will be overseen by Brooke Nova, College and Career Coordinator for the Hillsboro School District, and Corin Richards, Director of Technology and Innovation for the Forest Grove School District, and run by Sara Wilson, a certified CTE technology teacher at Hilhi, Miguel Cholula Hernandez, a bilingual assistant at Hilhi, and a teacher from Forest Grove.

This is the second CTE Revitalization grant Hillsboro School District has received this year. The first was awarded in January, 2016, for \$385,188 to support the creation of a Manufacturing Training and Learning Center at Century High School.

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