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STATE AWARDS FUSD \$2.82 MILLION CTE INCENTIVE GRANT

FONTANA, CA – More than 250 California schools, districts and other educational agencies will split \$245 million in grants for career technical education and professional training approved by the State Board of Education. Fontana Unified School District is one of the first districts to be awarded a Career Technical Education Incentive Grant (CTEIG) and will receive \$2.83 million over the course of the year.

“California’s Career Technical Education leads the way in providing our students with a rigorous academic education in addition to the practical job skills that are in the greatest demand,” said Tom Torlakson, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, in a prepared statement. “At the same time, we’re providing businesses and our communities with a next-generation workforce needed to keep our economy thriving.”

The CTEIG was established by AB 104 as a state education, economic, and workforce development initiative with a goal to provide students with the knowledge and skills to transition to employment and post-secondary education. Specifically, the grant is to maintain existing career technical education programs and to develop new pathways according to local job market needs.

“Fontana’s CTEIG will be used for providing professional development for teachers and purchase new and replacement equipment used in career pathway courses,” said Tracey Vackar, Director of Career Technical Education.

“As part of the countywide Cradle to Career vision with input from our community stakeholders on Transforming Together our district is committed to funding both college and career readiness programs that prepare our students for the future,” said Superintendent Dr. Leslie Boozer. “Our schools offer career pathways in a wide variety of areas, such as patient care, law enforcement, firefighting, welding and video production. This grant will allow us to upgrade to industry standards and will support students in building their skills with the most up to date equipment and technology.”

The CTEIG program is the largest of its kind in the nation. Established in the 2015-16 state budget, the program will provide \$900 million over the next three years to support and develop 21st century career and college readiness programs throughout the state.

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