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FULLERTON SCHOOL DISTRICT *App Creators in the Making*

(Fullerton, CA) – Students in the Fullerton School District are learning that all it takes is an idea. Over 475 students in grades 2nd through 8th have put their thinking caps on and developed an idea for an app that will make a difference in the world. Letting their imaginations run wild, students have come up with concepts ranging from helping find lost pets to helping the environment to health and safety issues.

Students were tasked with coming up with identifying a problem and developing a solution to the problem and showcasing this through a short video about their proposed app, with some going as far as actually coding and developing a functional app. In recognition of these efforts, Senator Ling Ling Chang recognized the students with an awards ceremony on Monday, April 15, 2019 at the Richard Nixon Presidential Library in Yorba Linda, California.

Submissions were placed into two categories: Primary Grades (K through 5th) and Middle School (6th through 8th). The following teams of students were recognized for their efforts.

Primary Grades:

- 1st Laguna Road School for the app Teacher Helper: Sara Gold and Jolie Coen
- 2nd Fisler School for the app Indoor Garden: Suhaan Desai, Avery Loh, Natalie Park, and Brandon Wang
- 3rd Sunset Lane School for the app Plastic ocean: Eurie Lee, Nishtha Patel, and Carolina Martin

Honorable Mention:

- Laguna Road School for the app Radical News: Caleb Kim, Tyler Pham, Thomas Oltman, and Michael Coglianese
- Richman School for the app Your Personal Gym: Elijah Jordan and Evan Magdaleno
- Laguna Road School for the app Story Tales: Sania Desai and Avery Carley

- Laguna Road School for the app Remember Me: Camillo Escuin, Caleb Lee, Maddie Lambros, and Samira Valadez

Middle School:

- 1st Nicolas Junior High School for the app Studdy Buddy: Krisi Patel, Emily Arroyo, Michelle Alcibar, and Tina Van
- 2nd Sunset Lane School for the app Scale: Rachel Kang, Kaylee Kwon, and Celerina Lee
- 3rd Laguna Road School for the app #Earth: Dana Lee, Julie Liu, Kailey Chi, and Sarah Ryu

Honorable Mention:

- Laguna Road School for the app Noble Box Charity: Gianna Rochlitz, Allison Reed, Mackenzy Jung, and Samantha Dye
- Pacific Drive School for the app Daily School Planner: Marilyn Munguia, Rubie Garza, Melissa Salvador, and Janelle Rodriguez
- Laguna Road School for the app Multi Tasking Chores: Riya Macwan, Aly Chow, Isabella Kim, and Alexis Bordwell
- Nicolas Junior High School for the app Pickup Central: Guillermo Morales, Jeffrey Tran, Tony Salas, and Ivangel Diera

Fostering the ability to identify a problem and commit to helping find a solution will help improve the lives of others. The App Challenge is an opportunity for students to showcase their ability to solve real world problems. As Dr. Robert Pletka, Superintendent of the Fullerton School District stated, "We are excited to partner with Senator Ling Ling Chang's office on this very exciting opportunity for our students. The work the students have put into their app challenge ideas continues to demonstrate the creativity and tenacity of this generation."

The Fullerton School District is located in northern Orange County, California and serves over 13,500 students in grades TK – 8th. The Fullerton School District includes 20 schools, 15 elementary schools, two K-8th grade schools, and three middle schools. 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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