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FULLERTON SCHOOL DISTRICT Great Schools, Successful Kids, and Full Classrooms

(Fullerton, CA) – Pictures were taken to commemorate back to school for the 2018-19 school year at 20 Fullerton School District schools. There were smiles, there were tears, and even some embarrassed teens as parents took pictures of their children returning to school on the first day. The restful summer quickly vanishes as the bell rings and teachers open the doors to welcome students.

All 20 schools in FSD opened their doors on August 13, 2018 and welcomed over 13,500 students to the new school year. Staff and teachers experienced all the emotions of parents and students during the first week of school. Dr. Tracy Gyurina, Principal at Sunset Lane School, summed it up perfectly, “The start of school is always an exciting time. Our transition back to school was a smooth one this year. Students, parents, teachers, and staff were all enthusiastic and the positive energy was contagious. We had happy and smiling faces and we are looking forward to capturing our first day of school excitement and carrying it with us for the remainder of the school year.”

FSD is looking forward to a great school year and is off to an amazing start as best shared through one experience of a new 3rd grade student at Hermosa Drive School. This student was very apprehensive to start a new school and make new friends. It had been reported by the previous school that he tended to cry a lot, frequently asked to go home during the school day, and missed several days of school. On the first day, there were a few tears in the morning and a few questions asked about going home early towards the end of the school day. The next morning, the student's mother happily reported that her child woke up at 5:00 AM excited to go to school. The mother asked why he was so excited and he said, "Because Ms. Brewster is a very nice teacher and she has a nice smile!" A week later, the crying has stopped, the questions have stopped, and the student happily reports to Ms. Brewster's class each morning! The smiles of teachers, students, and staff are what make for great schools and successful students.

Not to be outdone by teachers, school site support staff was on the top of their game and it was acknowledged, “I love how your office staff is so friendly and accommodating. I am thrilled that my

children are able to attend Maple School this year!” commented parent, Marta Gavina, to the school Principal.

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 2 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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