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### **FULLERTON SCHOOL DISTRICT** ***Center STAGE Receives 3/4 Million in Grant Funds***

**(Fullerton, CA)** – As students look forward to summer break, Fullerton School District is adding on more exciting opportunity for them to look forward to this summer. The Center STAGE program has been awarded just under \$750,000 for a Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grant. This competitive grant is offered through the California Department of Education and prioritizes applicants that enhance visual and performing arts education as part of a comprehensive strategy to expand access to physical and mental health care.

Fullerton School District successfully competed and is one of five districts in Orange and San Diego Counties to successfully receive funding for a program that will benefit over 1,000 students in grades K-8. The Center STAGE program provides a well rounded education by ensuring students' readiness to learn by supporting dental, vision, and mental health needs and expanding access to Visual and Performing Arts by enhancing and improving the existing Shared Theater Arts Grand Experience (STAGE).

Fullerton School District's Center STAGE program is open to all students in the district and will begin implementation this summer. From June 17-28, 2019, 600 students will participate in one or more of the following arts programs offered at two centralized school sites in the district.

- Five STAGE shows, including a Dual Language show;
- Art class to design show posters, program and flyers
- Band class to learn to play for one show
- Media Arts class to film plays and create a documentary of the program

Participating students will also have visual and dental screenings, along with mental health assistance, if desired. At the conclusion of the performances, the participants will be invited to attend a professional live theater production.

The Center STAGE program will continue during the 2019-20 school year with five additional STAGE shows. These 500 students will also have vision and dental screenings, and mental health assistance, if

desired. “Through the Arts, this generous grant will help to foster the creative spirit of our students for years to come,” said Kyle Myers, Program Specialist, Visual and Performing Arts.

The Fullerton School District is located in northern Orange County, California and serves over 13,500 students in grades TK – 8<sup>th</sup>. The Fullerton School District includes 20 schools, 15 elementary schools, two K-8<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.fullertonsd.org).

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