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ABCUSD SCHOOLS RECEIVED OVER \$43,000 FROM ABC EDUCATION FOUNDATION AT JANUARY EVENT

Cerritos, CA—January 31, 2020— The ABC Education Foundation recently completed its seventh annual mini-grant program to return funds to schools in ABCUSD from Foundation fundraising efforts throughout the year. Over \$43,000 was awarded to support 30 programs at 18 ABCUSD school sites (four grants were for special programs that are supported at multiple schools) at a January 28, 2020 presentation event at Cerritos Park East in Cerritos. Grants were awarded at a maximum of \$2,500 per project. Highlights from some of the 2019-2020 grants included:

- Field trips to the California Space Museum to see the Endeavor for science classes at all of the ABCUSD middle schools
- New wireless microphones for the Tetzlaff Accelerated Academy’s theater arts program
- Incentives for attendance at Artesia High School
- New flexible seating options for a classroom at Stowers Elementary
- Chromebooks for Niemes Elementary’s science lab
- A program to teach grammar through performing arts at Aloha Elementary
- A special program at Tracy High School to promote early college credits
- A mural at Gahr High School
- Simultaneous translation headphones at Niemes Elementary
- And more!

During the event on January 28th, the ABC Education Foundation also honored their donors in 2019 who gave financial and/or in-kind support during the year. First Choice Bank donated nearly \$6,000 and was honored as Donor of the Year. In-Kind Donor of the Year, Los Cerritos Center, was honored for their support again in 2019 for hosting the ABC Fun Run, valued at over \$10,000. Donors at a Gold level (\$5,000+) included: Browning Automotive, Cathay Bank Foundation, and the The Delre Foundation. In-Kind Gold Donors (\$5,000+ in value) included Los Cerritos Community News and the Gateway Guardian. Silver Donors (\$2,500-\$4,999) included: Conant Family Foundation, First General Bank, Hand & Stone Massage and Facial Spa, LBS Financial Credit Union, Much is Given Foundation, Open Stewardship Foundation, Royal Business Bank, and The Giordano Family/UBS. There was one Silver In-Kind Donor: Kaiser Permanente Physicians and Employees. Bronze Donors (\$1,000-\$2,499) included ABC Federation of Teachers, Dr. Bob and Marianne Hughlett, Hensen Family Giving Fund, Imagine Learning, Lexus of Cerritos, PIH Health, and The Irving Moskowitz Foundation. There was one In-Kind Bronze Donor: City of Cerritos. Sixty-Five donors were honored with awards, plaques, or recognition on programs and signage during the event.

About the ABC Education Foundation

The ABC Education Foundation was founded in 2011 to support all ABCUSD schools with funding for programs in education where State funding falls short. From inception through 2018, the Foundation has funded over \$350,000 in total programs. The annual mini-grant program (started in 2013-2014) has funded \$225,500 of the total dollars funded. The Foundation also provides backpacks for financially disadvantaged students each school year full of school supplies. The Foundation helped secure \$3.5 million in additional grants for the district over the last several years.



Photo Caption: Niemes Elementary received seven mini-grants for programs at the January 28th event. Photo includes ABC Education Foundation Board Members, teachers from Niemes Elementary that were awarded grants, Niemes Elementary Principal, Meg Jimenez, Dr. Mary Sieu, ABCUSD Superintendent, Dr. Olga Rios, ABCUSD School Board President and Sophia Tse, ABCUSD School Board Member.