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SUBJECT: Thank you, Parents!

ENCINITAS - We are fortunate to live in a community with enthusiastic parental support of our schools. The San Dieguito Union High School District would not be the highest performing district in the county if it were not for your involvement.

I would like to thank all of our parents who have contributed to our five parent foundations, the four Parent, Teacher & Student Associations, and each of the Associated Student Body organizations. Our students and teachers value your generosity which supplements our outstanding academic, artistic, and athletic programs.

Please consider volunteering for a committee or leadership role in a parent organization. It's a rewarding way to connect with teachers, administrators and other parents at your student's school.

You might not know that San Dieguito Union High School District actually receives less funding per student than our local elementary districts despite middle and high school programs typically costing more to operate. I don't have enough space here to explain the complicated nature of California school funding, but I can say we would not be able to provide the same opportunities our community demands without the support of our parent groups.

The table below shows the amount of Local Control Funding Formula or Property Tax per student (average daily attendance) for local districts in the recently concluded 2015-16 school year:

2015-16

District	2010 10
San Dieguito Union High School District	\$7,895
Cardiff Elementary School District	\$10,498
Del Mar Union School District	\$9,714
Encinitas Union School District	\$8,358
Rancho Santa Fe School District	\$13,161
Solana Beach School District	\$11,609

District

We do a lot with a lot less. We are grateful for everything our parents do to help provide a world-class public education for our students.

On a final note, I would like to caution our parents to be careful when donating to online fundraising (crowdfunding) sites. Crowdfunding sites can appear to be raising money for schools, but actually have no relationship to the official school-connected foundations, PTSAs or ASBs. These sites may also charge high commissions which erode the value of your contributions. If you have any questions concerning the legitimacy of an online fundraising campaign, please contact your school or donate directly to the official foundation/PTSA/ASB.

To find out more about our fine parent groups and how they support our programs, please follow the links below.

Canyon Crest Academy Foundation Carmel Valley Middle School PTSA

<u>La Costa Canyon High School Foundation</u> <u>Diegueno Middle School PTSA</u>

San Dieguito Academy Foundation Earl Warren Middle School PTSA

Torrey Pines High School Foundation Oak Crest Parent Foundation

Pacific Trails Middle School PTSA

Thank You,

Eric Dill Interim Superintendent

The San Dieguito Union High School District serves 7th through 12th grade students in the communities of Encinitas, Solana Beach, Del Mar, Cardiff, Rancho Santa Fe and surrounding areas. Covering 85 square miles, the district includes four high schools, five middle schools, and a continuation high school. Website: www.sduhsd.net.