

MEMORANDUM

Date: March 11, 2016

To: Karen Janney, Ed.D., Superintendent

From: Roman Del Rosario Ed.D., Executive Director of Curriculum and Instruction
Elaine Elefante-Leano, Director of College and Career Readiness

RE: Sweetwater Union High School District receives \$5 Million to support
Career Technical Education (CTE)

State Superintendent Public Instruction Todd Torlakson announced the awarding of \$245 Million to 265 applicants that integrate academics with career technical and professional training, connect employers with schools and prepare students for jobs in high demand fields. The focus of the grant program is the delivery and sustainability of high-quality CTE programs. Grantees are expected to implement and maintain a CTE program meeting the elements of a high-quality CTE program pursuant to *EC* Section 53071(c):

The Career Technical Education Incentive Grant is the largest of its kind in the nation stemming from Governor Jerry Brown in which he placed Career Education programs as a priority in the 2015-16 budget which reserved \$800 Million for career technical education and other job training initiatives at K-12 schools and community colleges. Applications were submitted in December 2015 and January 2016.

The \$5 Million will go towards upgrading equipment and supplies with existing pathways; the development of new pathways; industry certifications; and increasing internships/job shadowing opportunities for students.

Attachment:
CDE News Release Date March 9, 2016

c: Ana Maria Alvarez, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning

Schools Chief Tom Torlakson Announces \$245 Million Award of Career Technical Education Incentive Grants

SACRAMENTO—State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson today announced the awarding of \$245 million to 265 applicants that integrate academics with career technical and professional training, connect employers with schools and prepare students for jobs in high-demand fields, including robotics, information technology, health care, teaching and emergency services. Today's awards are in addition to the \$91 million granted to 100 applicants in March, bringing total grant funding to \$336 million.

The Career Technical Education Incentive Grant program is the largest of its kind in the nation. Established in the 2015-16 state budget, the program will provide \$900 million over the next three years to support and develop 21st century career and college readiness programs throughout the state.

"California's Career Technical Education leads the way in providing our students with a rigorous academic education in addition to the practical job skills that are in the greatest demand," Torlakson said. "At the same time, we're providing businesses and our communities with a next-generation workforce needed to keep our economy thriving."

The State Board of Education (SBE) today approved \$245 million in Career Technical Education Incentive Grants to [265 applicants](#). The grants ranged in size from \$28,562 to Southern Trinity Joint Unified School District in Trinity County to \$32.5 million to the Los Angeles Unified School District. Today's awards follow the [\\$91 million granted to 100 applicants](#) by the SBE in March.

Grant recipients include school districts, county offices of education, charter schools, Regional Occupational Centers and Programs or groups of participating schools and districts, often in partnership with local businesses and non-profits. In addition to providing a high quality Career Technical Education program, grant recipients are required to provide dollar-for-dollar matching funds. Four examples of today's grant recipients are:

- Butte County Office of Education: In operation since 1974, Butte County's Regional Occupational Program offers high school students courses in video production, digital photography, veterinary skills and construction, among many others. Adult education options include veterinary assistant certification, phlebotomy, dental specialty courses, and medical assistant training. It received a grant of \$118,672.

- Fresno County Office of Education: The Fresno Regional Occupational Program offers high school students and some adults exposure and training in dozens of fields, including culinary arts, emergency medicine, nursing, sports medicine, advanced robotics, fashion design, irrigating and water science, firefighting and small business management. It received a grant of \$3,613,362.
- Placer County Office of Education: CTE WORKS is another Regional Occupational Program designed to provide career training and experience – and often college credit – to high school students through courses that include integrated animal science, advanced culinary arts, graphic art and animation, engineering manufacturing and child development and education. It received a grant of \$4,920,527.
- San Bernardino City Unified School District: With 73 schools and more than 50,000 students, San Bernardino City Unified has set an ambitious goal of 100 percent participation in Career Technical Education for all of its students by 2017. The many opportunities offered include a teaching academy at Arroyo Valley High School that not only provides real-world experience in district schools but offers college tuition and credentialing reimbursement for any graduate that returns to teach in the district. Arroyo Valley High School is also home to an academy that offers deep instruction in solar technology, organic recycling and other sustainable systems. The district received a grant of \$3,167,983.

More information on other grant recipients is available upon request.

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