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CEF Receives \$60K Grant from Hutton Foundation

Supports new programs aimed at helping students make positive decisions

(September 20, 2007) The Carpinteria Education Foundation (CEF) is the recipient of a \$60,000 grant award from the Hutton Foundation for the development of new programs at Carpinteria High School that support mutual respect, positive problem-solving, team work and personal responsibility.

The new programs are: The Freshman Academy, which provides a support system for incoming ninth grader students as they transition to high school; Link Crew, implemented this year to reduce anxiety and stress in incoming freshman by connecting them with a supportive upperclassman; Challenge Day, scheduled for February 11- 13, 2008, a community building exercise and ongoing support program that helps break down racial and social barriers between students; the 10th Grade Aha! Program, in collaboration with the Academy of Healing Arts (AHA), activities for sophomores participate that build communication and understanding among high schools students; and a Violence Prevention Group, which provides weekly intervention strategies for students in their effort to gain skills in dealing with violence and peer pressure.

“Hutton Foundation is honored to be partnering with the Carpinteria Education Foundation, Superintendent Paul Cordeiro, Principal Gerardo Cornejo, the counselors, teachers and staff at CHS,” said Pamela Hamlin, Hutton Foundation’s executive director. “We're hopeful that together we can help make a difference in our communities.”

For more information about these programs, contact Andrea Young or Darcie Campbell at Carpinteria High School at 805-684-4107.

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CEF is a non-profit organization formed to enhance the educational opportunities for all students in the CUSD by sponsoring programs, equipment, facilities and events which are not available through district funding. CUSD comprises eight schools and serves 3,000 students from the City of Carpinteria, Summerland, and outlying areas of the Carpinteria Valley.

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