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Supervisors Approve Contract Funding for Ontario Montclair School District

SAN BERNARDINO – The San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors today unanimously approved two contracts for a total of \$300,000 for Ontario Montclair School District (OMSD) projects. The two contracts were presented by Fourth District Supervisor Gary Ovitt and would be funded by an unbudgeted priority project allocation for the Fourth District.

The first contract is for \$200,000 to assist in furthering educational opportunities of children by providing technology upgrades such as computers, software, and classroom projectors at Howard Elementary School. The upgraded technology will be used to supplement classroom computers as well as create a media center for student use. The resources will be used to provide tools to strengthen core curriculum lessons by increasing student engagement and enabling instructors to check the progress of student's independent reading.

“It is important to cultivate a learning environment that is complementary to both students and teachers. Anything we can do to facilitate accountability and progress measurement helps everyone,” said Supervisor Ovitt in presenting the contract item to his fellow Board members.

Dr. Sharon McGehee, OMSD Superintendent, upon hearing the news of the contract awards said: “ The Ontario Montclair School District community thanks Supervisor Gary Ovitt for his longtime support of our schools and education in general.” She went on to say that; “ the funding will help make curriculum content more accessible to students who need it the most.”

The second project contract is for \$100,000 to assist in supporting the Tech Six program with technology related materials and equipment. The Tech Six program targets six schools each year and brings technology to the school site and provides resources to develop a web presence. This concept encourages academic success, provides an interactive way for students and parents to stay connected to schools. It also familiarizes parents with student assignments and grades.

These latest two contracts make the total of contracts provided to Fourth District schools \$1,000,000 in the past two weeks.

“It is important to do everything we can to encourage students to become life long learners by providing them with as many resources as possible to make that a reality. It also affirms the County Board of Supervisors commitment to education and our public schools,” added Supervisor Ovitt.