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SCHOOLSRULE-MARIN CELEBRATES 10 YEAR MILESTONE AND DISTRIBUTES \$700,000 IN SUPPORT OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS

San Rafael, CA – Marin County’s public school foundations received \$700,000 in funds at SchoolsRule’s 10th Annual Distribution event held on October 27th at the Marin’s Community School at the Marin County Office of Education. Guest speakers were Public Health Director, Dr. Matthew Willis, and, Deputy Public Health Director, Dr. Lisa Santora, who congratulated SchoolsRule-Marine for supporting students countywide, including many health and social-emotional support programs in Marin schools. They, in turn, were thanked for the effective leadership and guidance they provided to our schools and entire community during the COVID-19 pandemic.

SchoolsRule-Marine funds, generously donated by businesses, community agencies and individual donors, are distributed equally on a per-student basis to provide direct support for programs in the areas of literacy, the arts, technology and health. The funds help to ensure that all of Marin's public schools have the resources they need to fully meet the needs of all of their students and provide them with the best possible educational opportunities.

“When SchoolsRule was founded a decade ago, students who were then in kindergarten are now sophomores in high school and have benefited from SchoolsRule funded programs at each step of their academic journey thanks to the generosity of our donor community,” said Trisha Garlock, SchoolsRule Board President. “As we celebrate our ten-year anniversary, we are beyond grateful for the continued support from our business partners and individual contributors, especially during the immense challenges of the past 19 months.

The annual SchoolsRule funds disbursement is the largest single contribution for most of the district foundations and constitutes more than 50% of the operational budget for the HeadsUp San Rafael Foundation and School Fuel Novato Foundation who represent the largest and most vulnerable student populations in the county with more than 7,000 students in each district. School Fuel received \$143,158 which will be used to purchase technology focused on closing the digital divide and to support the school libraries, music, art programs and student health and safety. HeadsUp will use their \$138,107 to support arts enrichment for elementary students, after school enrichment for middle school students, college and career counseling, and support for new wellness centers on high school campuses.

“As our community rebounds from crisis, we are fortunate to have local businesses, agencies and individuals who believe in the vision of SchoolsRule and who truly understand the positive impact of quality educational opportunities for all students,” said Mary Jane Burke, Marin County Superintendent of Schools. “When our kids succeed in school and in life, our entire community thrives.”

SchoolsRule is a collaboration of all Marin’s public school foundations, working together as one to raise funds on behalf of all students countywide. Since its inception in 2011, SchoolsRule has distributed nearly \$6.2M directly benefiting every child in every district in Marin. More information can be found at www.schoolsrule.org.



Use of Funds 2021/22

Total Funds Distributed = \$700,000

Bolinas-Stinson Union School District: \$1,627

Bolinas-Stinson will use these funds to support special Raku projects, to purchase new books for the school library and to help students who cannot afford to purchase books during the annual book fair.

Kentfield School District – KIK: \$22,346

KIK will use the funds to support K- 8 health and wellness programs where all students will benefit from increased health and wellness services, programs and educational support.

Lagunitas School District – LEAP: \$4,429

LEAP will use these funds to support the elementary visual arts and music program and the middle school social emotional learning program.

Larkspur-Corte Madera School District – SPARK: \$28,900

SPARK will use these funds for English language learner and literacy support as well as materials and supplies for Music, Art, Literacy and Counseling programs.

Mill Valley School District - Kiddo!: \$53,545

Kiddo will use these funds to support our middle school's expanded art and music classes and our district-wide musical instrument rental scholarship program.

Miller Creek Elementary School District – Can Do! Education Foundation: \$38,369

Can Do Education Foundation will utilize these funds to sustain current art and PE programming at the three elementary schools.

Nicasio School District – Nicasio School Foundation: \$740

Nicasio will use these funds to support ongoing upgrades to the school library catalog, including new popular titles, bilingual books, books with equity/inclusion themes and books that align with our school-wide social emotional curriculum.

Novato Unified School District - School Fuel: \$143,158

School Fuel will use these funds to purchase additional materials and online resources for school libraries; support for music, visual art and dance; support for student health and safety; and to purchase technology focused on closing the digital divide.

Novato Charter School: \$5,129

Novato Charter School will use these funds to support K-8 Specialty Programs such as gardening, instrument music, movement and handwork.

Reed School District – The Foundation for Reed Schools: \$24,542

Reed will use this money to support a middle school STEM curriculum including a "girls only" engineering class to address the need for more women in STEM related jobs.

Ross School District – Ross School Foundation: \$7,148

Ross School will use these funds to support Music, Instrumental Band and Arts Programs for all grade levels K-8.

Ross Valley School District – YES: \$38,364

YES will use these funds to bring back the theater program and to purchase art and music supplies.

Ross Valley Charter School: \$3,787

Ross Valley Charter School will use these funds to support literacy programs, build classroom libraries, and purchase materials for the art program.

Rural School Districts & MCOE – Laguna, Lincoln, Marin Community School, Oracle Independent Study, Phoenix Academy: \$1,474

Funds will be used to support arts and technology programs.

San Rafael City Schools – HeadsUp: \$138,107

HeadsUp will use these funds to support arts enrichment at the elementary schools, after school enrichment at the middle schools, and college/career counseling at the high schools as well as support for the new Wellness Centers at both San Rafael High and Terra Linda High.

Sausalito Marin City School District - RiseUp! 94965 Foundation: \$9,065

Sausalito Marin City School District will use these funds to further support the art, music and garden programs at Bayside Martin Luther King Jr. Academy, as we build upon the unification of two former schools.

Shoreline Unified School District: \$9,312

Shoreline will use these funds to support district wide literacy efforts including enhancements to the classroom libraries to provide more books to reflect the diversity of the student population.

Tamaplais Union High School District:

- **AWHS Falcon Foundation: \$25,108** AWHS will use these funds to continue to fund the operating budget for the Wellness Center, stipends for the BACR interns that support the Wellness Center, as well as purchase new instruments for the music department.
- **Redwood High School Foundation: \$37,161** Redwood will use these funds to address equity initiatives including providing access to college applications and ACT/SAT testing and support for the Success Network which supports academic, social and emotional success for students of color.
- **Tam High Foundation: \$30,063** Tam High Foundation will use these funds to support an increased number of at-risk students who are needing extra support through programs such as The Success Network as our young people are readjusting to full time in person learning.
- **Tamiscal and San Andreas: \$3,709** Funds will be used to support both students and staff in equity-based professional development, support for low-income or disengaged students, flexible furniture, and curricular materials and supplies (KS).

Dedication to Special Education: \$73,918

Dedication to Special Education will use these funds to support Assistive Technology programs directed toward literacy support for students, as well as a comprehensive program designed to support social-emotional learning and mental health needs stemming from the Covid-19 Pandemic. These programs are available to ALL students from the Marin County public schools for the 2021-2022 school year.