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**THREE-YEAR, MILLION DOLLAR SCIENCE GRANT AWARDED TO
LAKE TAHOE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

LTUSD receives coveted grant from the California State Department of Education, and partners with Lake Tahoe Community College, so teachers can improve science teaching.

January 12, 2010 (South Lake Tahoe) – The California State Department of Education has announced that Lake Tahoe Unified School District has been awarded a three-year, million dollar grant, which will create opportunities for enhanced and ongoing professional development for teachers in grades three through eight. The California Mathematics and Science Partnership (CaMSP) program seeks to establish partnerships to improve the academic achievement of students in mathematics and science.

LTUSD, in partnership, with Salida District and Modesto City Districts in Modesto, and Lincoln District in Stockton, applied for the grant, called **Summit to Sand**. The grant was awarded in the amount of \$339,201 per year for three years, totaling \$1,017,603.

Over thirty teachers have been recruited for a unique three-year professional development program that draws upon the diverse geography of California to educate teachers and motivate students. Teachers will receive instruction in life, earth, and physical science, focusing on the natural environment of the State of California, in order to positively impact students' English language arts and science achievement. Faculty from Lake Tahoe, Columbia, and San Joaquin Delta Community Colleges will provide instruction at three summer institutes from 2010 through 2012.

Summit to Sand brings together key partners to improve teacher quality, contribute to the research base on "place-based learning", and pioneer much-needed partnerships with community colleges. Additional partners include UC Davis' Tahoe Environmental Research Center, the San Joaquin County Office of Education in Stockton, CSU Monterey Bay, and the Monterey Bay Aquarium.

In response to the news, Dr. James Tarwater, Superintendent of Lake Tahoe Unified School District stated "this grant will provide important funds to improve science education in the District. We are very excited to have been funded and to partner with districts and community colleges in our area and in other areas of the state".

For further details about the grant, contact the District's Science Outreach Coordinator, Beth Quandt at the Lake Tahoe Environmental Science Magnet School—(530) 573-2371 or bquandt@ltusd.org.

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