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South Tahoe High School welcomes the community to new facilities

SOUTH LAKE TAHOE, CA – Hundreds of students, staff, local business people and community members gathered at South Tahoe High School yesterday to celebrate the opening of STADIUM VIEW, the second new two-story building to be funded by Measure G. The \$16.2 million fifteen-classroom structure houses the Math Department, Environmental Education, AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination), and ROP/Dental/Business classes and replaces old portable structures. State matching funds of \$8.1 million will be in hand before the end of the summer for this building.

In November 2008, the citizens of South Lake Tahoe passed a \$64.5 million bond to upgrade aging District facilities and technology. Former school board member and experienced school facilities planner, Angela Swanson, identified grants that were available from the state of California in the form of matching funds for Career Technical Education (CTE). Led by STHS Principal, Ivone Larson, staff members spent long and arduous hours writing nine grants, totaling approximately \$31 million. All nine grant applications were approved; a fact which astonished even the most seasoned veterans at the California State Department of Education.

In May 2010, the Board of Education and community celebrated the opening of the new \$13.5 million Construction, Arts and Transportation (CAT) Academy at South Tahoe High School. The District received \$5.9 million in matching funds from the state for this building. Both new buildings contain state-of-the art equipment and technology including SMART boards, flat screen TVs, digital media equipment, computer-aided drafting and design (CADD) equipment, dentistry equipment, office and business software, and cutting edge automotive and woodshop equipment.

Also included in the matching funds are two million dollars for a student union/food court and another two million dollars for meeting rooms for students and the community. This "joint use" facility will cost \$8.0 million, with construction beginning in the summer of 2011. Modernization of the Blue and Gold Gyms will also be conducted next summer at a cost of \$4.5 million. Also in the summer of 2011, work will begin on the 7,000 sq. ft. Sports Medicine Facility, which is in line for a \$2.2 million matching funding from the state.

School Board President, Wendy David, said today "it is so rewarding to know that we live in a community that supported a bond which has resulted in the building of our new facilities at the high school. We believe that we have really moved Lake Tahoe Unified School District into the 21st century with outstanding learning opportunities for all of our students. It is a great feeling."

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