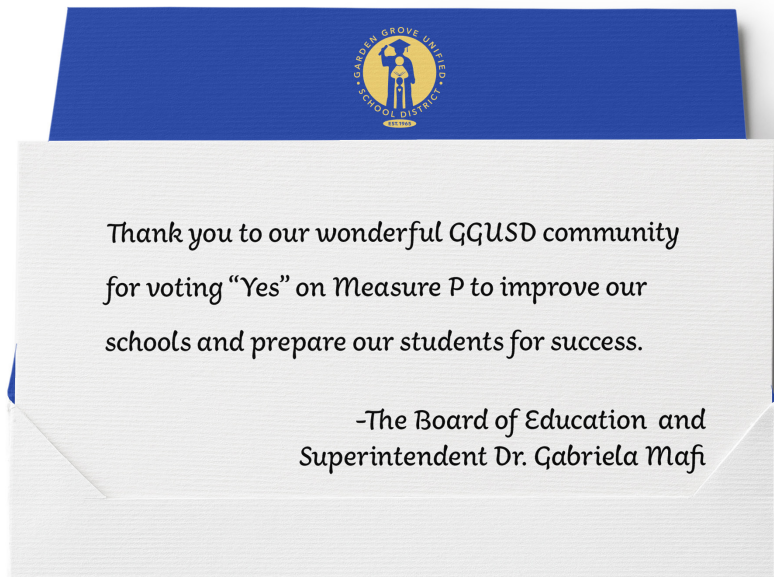




## Measure P (continued)

Moving forward, we are committed to keeping all parents and community members informed about the progress of Measure P improvements. An independent citizens' bond oversight committee, along with annual audits, will ensure funds are spent as promised. The approval of Measure P provides the district access to state and federal funds that would otherwise go to other communities. We will continue to take a proactive approach to securing additional funding and maximizing our resources to benefit our schools and students. We have all seen firsthand the difference Measure A made to modernize and improve our schools. Measure P will continue that great work and make a lasting impact on the education experience for years to come.



## Ahead of the Curve: Coding a Bright Future

Thousands of GGUSD students participate in national *Hour of Code*™ initiative.



Thousands of students of all ages at more than 20 GGUSD schools gained a whole host of computer science skills by participating in *The Hour of Code*™. Elementary students used code to program the animation of their favorite Star Wars characters and high school students practiced more advanced coding used to build mobile phone applications. Across the district, students enthusiastically embraced the *The Hour of Code*™ which gave them practice using the types of technology skills used in 21st century careers.

In California, computer science is not a required course and nine out of ten high schools do not offer computer science. However, GGUSD offers more than 15 computer science classes as well as a dedicated career pathway for Information and Communication Technology and Computer Science. GGUSD students take courses like Mobile Apps Development and 3D Printing Web Development, giving them a head start in today's technology-driven world.



## A Season of Giving

GGUSD students went above and beyond to help families in need during the holiday season.



*Pacifica High School seniors adopted more than 300 transitional kindergarten and kindergarten students during their annual holiday event which transforms the school's gymnasium into Santa's Village. High school seniors purchased gifts for their adopted child, and enjoyed a morning full of festivities with holiday treats, photos with Santa, train rides, and more.*

Staff and students volunteered time to serve the community and held canned food drives and toy collections at schools across the district. A few GGUSD holiday highlights:

- Enders Elementary School donated toys to the Garden Grove Fire Department for *Sparks of Love*, a fundraiser to ensure underprivileged children receive holiday gifts.
- Irvine Intermediate School collected canned food and grocery store gift cards to donate to families in need.
- Santiago High School's Vietnamese Club bought toys, clothes, and school supplies for children living in an orphanage in Vietnam.
- The Food Services Department teamed up with *Project Dignity* to collect and distribute toys to homeless children living with their families in area motels.

## Carlston Family Foundation's Outstanding Teacher of America

**Santiago High School teacher nominated by students for special recognition.**

The GGUSD Board of Education recognized Santiago High School teacher Sheri Zoratti at its December 13, 2016 meeting for being named a Carlston Family Foundation Outstanding Teacher of America. She was nominated for the honor by 17 former students.

The president of the Carlston Family Foundation, Timothy M. Allen, and Santiago Principal Michael Kennedy attended the board meeting to congratulate Sheri and read powerful excerpts from the recommendation letters written by her former students. The letters told inspiring stories about how Sheri's positive influence and care for students dramatically changed the lives of students who were headed in the wrong direction. The Carlston Family Foundation awarded Zoratti with \$20,000, a portion of which is donated to Santiago High School.



# Cook Elementary School Named National Blue Ribbon School

**Cook Elementary School hosts celebration after being named one of the top schools in the nation.**

Recently, Cook Elementary School was named a 2016 National Blue Ribbon School during a special ceremony in Washington D.C. It is one of the highest honors a school can earn, and this year, it was awarded to less than 300 schools nationwide. Cook was one of only three schools in Orange County to earn the recognition. In January, Cook hosted a celebration with district administrators, community leaders, parents, staff, and students to honor all of the hard work that contributed to such an outstanding accomplishment.

## A Quick Look at Cook:

- Welcoming environment where students feel respected and valued
- School-wide promotion of growth mindset, scholarly habits, and perseverance
- Scholar Support Group to help students who are struggling and celebrate growth
- Student peace ambassadors promote harmony
- Tech Squad of students to support technology in the classroom
- High parent engagement in school activities



# Garden Grove Unified School District Board of Education

**The five Board of Education members are elected by voters of the district, by trustee area, to serve four-year terms.**



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