

Huffman Announces Multimillion Dollar Education Grant for Yurok Tribe

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Representative Jared Huffman (D-San Rafael) applauded a nearly \$30 million federal grant awarded to the Yurok Tribe through the U.S. Department of Education's Promise Neighborhoods grant program to build a regional five-year effort for a Cradle-School-Career Pathway Project in rural Del Norte County. Huffman supported the tribe's application for this grant in a letter earlier this year and released this statement.

"It's inspiring to see folks across the region come together under the goal of improving students' lives to secure this grant. Del Norte County is one of the most economically disadvantaged regions in my district, but with this funding we can ensure children are healthy, have the tools they need for a successful education, and can go on to have fulfilling careers to support themselves, their communities, and Tribes," said Rep. Huffman.

"The Yurok Education Department is excited about what this grant means for our families, our students and the community as a whole. In partnership with the True North Organizing Network, Del Norte schools, First-

5, Del Norte Child Care Council and other local entities, we will build sustainable supports, services and programs that help our students succeed as they make their way from pre-kindergarten to college to a satisfying professional career. I look forward to establishing the high-quality learning opportunities our students need and deserve,” said Jim McQuillen, Yurok Education Department Director.

Terry Supahan with True North who helped pull together community leaders in the unified request to the Department of Education said, “It was the injection of good will that was the most promising thing about the grant application.”

The DOE’s Promise Neighborhoods grant aims to significantly improve the educational and developmental outcomes of children and youth in our most distressed communities, and to transform those communities. This grant will be in the amount of \$5,999,644.00 for the first budget period (01/01/2022 through 12/31/2022). It is anticipated that the grant will be for a total of 5 years.