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**SFUSD AWARDED MAJOR FEDERAL GRANT**  
***\$10 Million from National Science Foundation to create***  
***Urban Partnership***

**San Francisco--**The National Science Foundation (NSF) has awarded the San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD) a \$10 million dollar five-year grant in recognition of the District's math, science, and technology programs. The SFUSD was the only district in California, and one of just five in the country, to be selected for the NSF's Urban Systemic Program, which is designed to promote partnerships with local universities, research centers, business and industry. San Francisco was granted this award from the NSF on the basis of its past record of success in creating educational partnerships and for the District's improved achievement in mathematics and science. The grant will allow the District to prepare all students from grades K-12 to be more competitive in the workforce of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. The grant pays special attention to ensuring that students from under-represented populations, such as African Americans, Latinos and girls, have more access to the fields of math, science and technology.

San Francisco Interim Superintendent of Schools Linda Davis welcomed the news saying this recognition will allow the District to expand its high quality partnerships and teacher training programs. "This is a proud moment for the San Francisco Unified School District. Our students and teachers have worked hard to make this one of the premier districts nationwide in math and science education. This grant will continue and greatly expand our already ground-breaking work."

School Board President Juanita Owens shared her enthusiasm for the National Science Foundation award. "This grant will allow the San Francisco public schools to leverage existing resources in our City through partnerships with the colleges and universities, research centers and hi-tech industries. It will provide a wealth of learning opportunities for our young people to have hands-on experiences that will enrich their education and help prepare them for higher skilled and higher paying careers."

As part of the NSF grant, the SFUSD will expand partnerships with educational institutions including UC Berkeley's Interactive University, UC San Francisco, San Francisco State University, City College of San Francisco, The Exploratorium, and businesses including Intel, Cisco Systems and Genentech. The five-year program will allow SFUSD teachers to have access to high-level professional development training and to bring additional math, science and technology resources into the schools. The NSF grant will help students meet SFUSD's more rigorous academic standards.

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