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### **Pomona Unified Awarded \$75,000 in State Grants to Expand After-School Learning Program**

**POMONA, Calif.** – Three Pomona Unified School District schools are among 67 schools in the state selected to share \$4.6 million in state grants aimed at expanding before- and after-school programs to give students safe places to go outside of school hours, while also providing them opportunities to participate in enrichment activities.

The state Department of Education selected Barfield Elementary, Harrison Elementary and Lexington Elementary to receive \$7,310, \$37,060 and \$31,277, respectively, to expand The Learning Connection (TLC), Pomona Unified's after-school tutoring and homework assistance program.

"We are thankful that three of our schools will be able to use these grants to not only continue strengthening the valuable TLC program, but also provide our working parents and students, many of whom are low-income, academic assistance in a safe environment," PUSD Board President Andrew Wong said. "I also want to thank our TLC instructors for serving as role models and inspiring students to achieve their maximum potential."

The grants are part of the state's After School Education and Safety (ASES) Program, which is known as The Learning Connection at PUSD. There, students can receive homework support, academic enrichment in the core subjects of literacy, math and science and additional enrichment that includes healthy living activities, exploration of the visual and performing arts, technology, engineering, service learning and leadership development.

TLC, offered at several school sites throughout the District, is staffed by credentialed intervention teachers who supervise enrichment activities that reinforce skills learned during the regular school day and act to build self-esteem and social skills.

“This is a true community effort, allowing our children access to a secure learning environment where they can both thrive academically and enjoy time with their friends after school,” said Superintendent Richard Martinez. “We are extremely grateful to our Learning Connection staff and to the California Department of Education for their generous funding to support student achievement.”

The program runs from the end of the school day until 6 p.m.

For more information about the program, visit [www.pusd.org/TLC](http://www.pusd.org/TLC).

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