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## Peninsula Education Foundation 2017-2018 Fulfills Pledge to PVPUSD

PALOS VERDES ESTATES (August 1, 2018) FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE –The Peninsula Education Foundation (PEF) presented the Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District (PVPUSD) with a check for 3.1 million dollars at its Board of Education meeting tonight, fulfilling its pledge to the district to support education for the 2017-18 school year. Since its inception in 1979, the Peninsula Education Foundation has gifted PVPUSD with over \$40 million.

“We are so grateful to the PEF board for its service and to all families and businesses who so generously support the district through donating to PEF,” said Board of Education President, Dr. Tony Collatos. “We are among the lowest funded districts in the state, and year after year, PEF supports programs that allow all of our students to succeed at all grade levels, whether it is funding counselors, STEM programs or music.”

For 39 years, PEF has raised funds to help PVPUSD with its funding requirements due to low state budget allocations for education for PVPUSD. Funds raised by PEF provide essential funding so that PVPUSD can continue to provide the best education possible. Programs that are supported include: music, physical education teachers, library aides, and STEM programs in elementary schools; STEM, Parent University and Safe School Counselors in intermediates schools; and engineering and technology programs (PVIT and SMERT), academic counselors and College & Career Center staff in the high schools. The Foundation’s pledge also includes funding for additional teachers throughout the district as well as Chuck Miller teacher grants, available to all teachers in the district for projects and supplies that enhance classroom instruction.

The Peninsula Education Foundation is only able to support these programs through the generous support of members of our community. Donors, including parents, grandparents, small businesses and large corporations have consistently shown that they are invested in keeping our schools great.

Shari Shigenaga, 2018-19 Peninsula Education Foundation president, stated, “I am truly proud to be a part of a community that cares so deeply about education. It takes all of us working together to provide an outstanding education for our students and prepare them for the journey that lies ahead.”

To learn more about the Peninsula Education Foundation or to donate, please visit [www.pvpef.org](http://www.pvpef.org) or call (310) 378-2278.

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