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**SUPERVISOR KATY TANG AND SAN FRANCISCO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPOTLIGHT DISTRICT 4 SCHOOLS IN ANTICIPATION OF SFUSD'S
SPARKLEARNING TECHNOLOGY FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN**

Supervisor Tang to announce challenge grant to provide District 4 schools with funding to support efforts in Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math (STEAM) education

In anticipation of the launch of San Francisco Unified School District's SparkLearning Technology Fundraising Campaign in early May, Supervisor Katy Tang announced that she will again be providing funding to Sunset District schools for Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math (STEAM) education efforts as a "challenge" to donors to meet and exceed.

"It is vital that we ensure our schools are supported in their efforts to provide STEAM education for all of our students," said Supervisor Tang. "I believe that a holistic learning experience encompassing these fields will enable our students to become great leaders in our community."

Sponsored by the Superintendent and Board of Education, SFUSD is launching a city-wide fundraising campaign called SparkLearning to raise the necessary funds to bring new technology to all of its schools. SFUSD is partnering with a San Francisco based crowd-funding organization, Tilt, to build and manage the central campaign platform that will eventually support every school site in fundraising for the technology needs and goals at their site. Several District 4 schools will be joining schools across the city for the initial pilot phase.

"In SFUSD's Vision 2025 we envision equipping all classrooms with next-generation media and technology capabilities, ensuring that students do not just understand, but can also contribute to and thrive in the digital world," said SFUSD Superintendent Richard A. Carranza. "By working together, we will tap the talent, tech-savvy and spirit of innovation that permeates our city. We will ensure that students graduate with dreams and the abilities to achieve them, creating not just a pool but an ocean of local talent to feed the next generation of San Francisco industry."

This is the second year Supervisor Tang has provided STEAM grants to all Sunset District schools. The grants have been used to purchase Promethean boards to promote English Language



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Development and iPads to enable students to explore activities and learn technology skills and abilities.

“This year, in conjunction with SFUSD’s fundraising campaign, we hope we can raise even more funds for our schools to continue to provide access to technology that students need to thrive in the 21st century,” said Supervisor Tang. “I hope this challenge grant will inspire other Supervisors and donors to support our schools’ campaigns.”

To learn more about SparkLearning visit <http://www.sfusd.edu/en/about-sfusd/invest-in-sfusd-schools.html>.

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