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NEWMONT, SCHOOL DISTRICT TEAM UP FOR FOURTH YEAR OF FUNDING

WINNEMUCCA, Nev.— Newmont Mining Corporation has once again allocated its school-designated grant funds to the Humboldt County School District for distribution to where school officials feel there is the greatest need.

“We understand that the school district has the best knowledge of how to distribute these funds,” said Sue Hawkins, Newmont external relations representative.

This is the fourth year for the unique collaboration. Hawkins said the agreement is a first for Newmont, but she hopes it won't be the last.

“This is our way of getting the community more involved in the donation process,” she said.

Hawkins explained that in the past, organizations have filled out donation request forms and, per Newmont's criteria, applications have either been accepted or denied.

“Now we will pass the torch to the community, beginning with the school district; they know best what their needs are,” she said.

In all, Newmont has asked the school district to funnel \$30,000 in flow-through moneys to area classrooms. A school district committee oversees the fund's distribution.

According to Humboldt County School District Assistant Superintendent Dave Jensen, the district is looking for projects that are sustainable and can be tied directly to increased student academic achievement.

“Those will be the higher priority applications,” he said. “We are looking for those things that

will have the greatest impact on our students and their classrooms.”

Newmont Mining Company Twin Creeks/Midas General Manager of Operations Mark Evatz was on hand last month along with Twin Creeks/Midas Process Manager Don Wilhite to present this year's check to Jensen.

Evatz said the check represents the efforts of employees, contractors, shareholders and mining leadership in helping to shore up local education.

“We're here to do whatever we can to help this district be successful,” said Evatz.

Jensen thanked the two men and noted that the district's employees look forward to the start of every year because of the donation.

“The staff of Humboldt County School District get very excited when this time rolls around,” he said.

Jensen said the past four years have seen the quality of grant applications improve dramatically. “Our staff members are thinking a lot more about what will benefit their students,” he said. “They're doing research and seeing how they can put this money toward specific areas of instruction.”

During last year's funding period, Jensen said classroom teachers also became more collaborative in the way they sought funds.

“It was impressive to see how grade-level or other school teams worked together to decide what would benefit the group the most,” he said. “I think this grant funding has helped support some of that teamwork that we feel is so important.”

This year's first round of funding closed on October 28. Staff members were asked to submit applications for review, with the intent of funding approved projects in time to implement before the Christmas holiday; a second round of funding may come open if any funds remain.

Hawkins said the program has proven to be a great success for the gold giant. “We are very pleased with how this has worked in the district, in distributing funding to those who will enjoy the

greatest benefit," she said.

Jensen added, "This continues to be a very generous gesture on Newmont's part. We appreciate their willingness to support local education."