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### **Pechanga Development Corporation Awards \$50,000 Grant to Santa Ana Public Schools Foundation to Champion Cultural Education**

**Temecula, CA** – In a powerful show of support for students and community, the Pechanga Development Corporation has awarded a \$50,000 grant to the Santa Ana Public Schools Foundation, a nonprofit organization committed to enriching educational opportunities for students across the Santa Ana Unified School District (SAUSD).

The Pechanga Development Tribal Government is steadfast in its commitment to protecting the quality of life for the Pechanga People, both now and for generations to come. Through dedicated stewardship and community-focused initiatives, the Tribal Government ensures that cultural heritage, educational opportunities, and well-being remain at the heart of its mission.

President Teresa Mercado Cota and Vice President Lucinda Pueblos will be joined by SAUSD Superintendent Dr. Lorraine M. Perez at a special announcement during the Pechanga Development Corporation Annual Golf Tournament kickoff on Tuesday, May 5, 2026, marking the occasion with community leaders and supporters. This meaningful investment will help expand cultural education and awareness programs, empowering students to explore, celebrate, and take pride in the diverse cultures that shape their community and the world around them.

“This grant directly supports our foundation’s mission of investing in the students of the Santa Ana Unified School District,” said Teresa Mercado Cota, President of the Santa Ana Public Schools Foundation. “With these funds, we can further enhance classroom enrichment, provide scholarships, invest in our community, and strengthen literacy programs. We are committed to creating opportunities that empower our students to thrive.”

“I am deeply grateful for the ongoing partnership between the Santa Ana Public Schools Foundation and the Pechanga Development Corporation,” said SAUSD Superintendent Dr. Lorraine Perez. “Their generous grant will allow us to further enrich our students’ educational experiences, fostering a sense of pride and belonging throughout our schools. By working together, we are creating lasting opportunities and inspiring future leaders in our diverse community.”

“Public school students in Santa Ana benefit immensely from the infrastructure we can help provide. That’s what this tournament delivers,” said Sean Vasquez, President of the Pechanga Development Corporation. “This year, our participants helped raise \$250,000 across five organizations, and over 27 years, more than \$2.4 million. The Santa Ana Public Schools Foundation puts those dollars directly into the hands of teachers and students who are doing the work. We’re proud to stand behind them.”

The Santa Ana Public Schools Foundation proudly works to bridge critical funding gaps by supporting programs that elevate student achievement, deepen engagement, and nurture well-being throughout the district. Through this contribution, the Pechanga Development Corporation continues its tradition of uplifting communities and creating lasting impact through education, cultural awareness, and opportunity.