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partnerships
for our
schools*

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“Point of Entry” Builds Strong Foundation

A recent meeting with 14 school architect and construction firms is a harbinger of good things to come. Called the “Point of Entry” program, the idea is to create fundamental relationships between CFF and educational community leaders.



Officials also discussed how they can work more closely to meet teacher needs and how to incorporate successful uses of learning technology into future school design.

This dialog is especially timely as more than \$2 billion worth of school construction is scheduled over the next decade throughout San Diego County.

Architects and builders saw firsthand how the One-to-One @ Home & School program is creating a collaborative learning environment that could influence future classroom design.

Participants are planning a follow-up meeting to consider how to proceed with a more coordinated incorporation of learning

technologies in future school construction projects. ❖



South County Regional Education Center Opens

The South County Regional Education Center, Educational Village, 800 National Blvd. formally opened with a ribbon-cutting ceremony November 19.

The first center of its kind in South County, it includes community labs, state-of-the-art video capability, webcasting facilities and other learning technologies.

Educators and students from six South County districts, along with the Regional Occupation Program (ROP), special education and Southwestern Community College now have access to the center that had been in the works for 18 months.

The \$20 million project was made possible by funding from the San Diego County Office of Education, local school districts, Southwestern Community College and community development funds. ❖

Focusing the CFF Message



The Classroom of the Future Foundation incorporates the dimensions of emerging learning technology applications as diverse as they are unlimited. How to explain the mission and vision of CFF is such a dynamic environment?

After a great deal of research and discussion, a focus is emerging. At the end of the day, CFF is all about three key words:

- inspire...helping teachers create and embrace new technologies
- innovate...galvanize better ways to utilize technology in education
- achieve...improved student achievement.

inspire. innovate. achieve. They promise to become the codified cornerstones of CFF, both in the way our organization communicates and how it is organized and focused.

Education starts with communication and the establishment of a CFF "brand" is critical as we move forward with many initiatives. ❖

General Atomics Awards CFF \$20,000

General Atomics, a longtime and highly valued supporter of CFF, has issued a \$20,000 grant.

It will fund a mobile computer science lab that will travel to four middle schools San Ysidro Middle School, Kimball Elementary, Granger Jr. High, Mar Vista Middle School. Students will learn how to collect data from the environment using "probe-ware" and then analyze and draw conclusions.

It's an important and innovative tool in helping teach the scientific lesson, made possible by an important CFF partner. ❖

In the News...

Hot Technologies in K-12 Education

http://www.cosn.org/resources/emerging_technologies/hot.cfm

The Future of Learning Technologies: An Interview with Chris Dede

<http://www.innovateonline.info/index.php?view=article&id=1>

About Us

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Synergies provides an overview and update of the projects and initiatives of the Foundation and profile significant partners and supporters.

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