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SCUSD, PTA host Social- Emotional Learning Forum

*Public invited to find out how SEL can make schools safer,
healthier places for kids to learn*

October 28, 2013 (Sacramento): Sacramento City Unified School District and the Sacramento Council of PTAs are hosting a Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) forum at Health Professions High School on Tuesday, October 29.

SCUSD is one of eight school districts in the country working with the Collaborative for Academic, Social and Emotional Learning to make schools healthier and safer places for students to learn through SEL. The work is funded by a grant from the NoVo Foundation.

Social-Emotional Learning involves campus-wide and classroom practices that help students acquire life skills necessary for success in school and beyond. Research shows that students who acquire five key competencies – self-management, responsible decision-making, self-awareness, relationship skills and social awareness – are more successful in school and in life. Social-Emotional Learning is one of the nationwide initiatives supported by the George Lucas Education Foundation. Watch videos about this effort at <http://www.edutopia.org/social-emotional-learning>.

SEL is a component of SCUSD's "whole child" strategy – education that focuses on safe schools, a healthy learning environment and academically challenging instruction that prepares students for college and the workplace. Implementation of the more rigorous Common Core State Standards is another component of the whole child strategy.

SEL was piloted in 2012-13 at four SCUSD schools: Leataata Floyd Elementary School, Sutterville Elementary School, California Middle School and C.K. McClatchy High School. This year, an additional 16 schools were added to the pilot program.

Speakers at the October 29 forum will include principals, students and others.

- **What:** Social-Emotional Learning Community Forum
- **Where:** Health Professions High School, 451 McClatchy Way, Sacramento, CA 95818
- **When:** 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, October 29