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OUSD Awarded \$600,000 Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools (REMS) Grant

ORANGE, Calif., August 30, 2010 – The Orange Unified School District today announced it has been awarded a Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools (REMS) grant by the United States Department of Education in the amount of \$600,824.

The REMS grant program will enable the District, along with 97 other school districts in 28 states, to improve plans that address all four phases of emergency management: Prevention-Mitigation, Preparedness, Response, and Recovery. Over \$28.8 million was distributed in total.

"We are thrilled about this grant and the opportunity to bring in new resources into the District, especially in the area of Safe, Welcoming Schools which is a goal in our Strategic Plan," said Renae Dreier, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools for the Orange Unified School District.