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South Bay Union joins Digital Promise League of Innovative Schools District will Partner with other leading Educators and Researchers from across the Country

Imperial Beach, CA – On September 18, 2018, South Bay Union was accepted into the League of Innovative Schools, a national coalition of forward-thinking school districts organized by Digital Promise, a nonprofit organization with the mission to accelerate innovation in education and improve the opportunity to learn for all through technology and research.

The District was selected from a competitive national pool of applicants based on its leadership, evidence of results, innovative vision for learning, and commitment to collaboration.

“We are proud to have been included among the Nation’s most innovative and forward-thinking school districts. This honor highlights South Bay’s accomplishments transforming teaching and learning to provide our students the very best education and ensure their future success,” said Superintendent Katie McNamara. “We look forward to collaborating with other leading school districts and continuing to incorporate innovation into our classrooms.”

The League of Innovative Schools, launched in late 2011, accepts new members through an open application process once per year. With the new members, the League now includes 102 school districts in 33 states. The full list of members can be found at digitalpromise.org/districts.

“As we expand our efforts to identify, build, and scale the innovative work of our League districts, I am excited to welcome a new cohort of districts who deepen the diversity, populations, and contexts of the network and move us further in advancing equity and excellence for every learner,” said Kimberly Smith, executive director of the League of Innovative Schools.

League members are represented by their Superintendent and team, who commit to:

- Participate in League Challenge Collaboratives on a broad range of topics relevant to the changing needs of school districts.
- Support Digital Promise research and provide feedback so it translates easily into classroom experiences and expands what we know about teaching and learning.
- Engage with entrepreneurs to advance edtech product development steeped in the latest learning science and meets district needs.
- Participate in the League’s professional learning community by connecting with other members online, in person, and at each other’s school districts.
- Attend biannual League meetings, which feature classroom visits, collaborative problem-solving, and relationship-building with peers and partners.

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Katie McNamara, Ed.D.

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In addition to Superintendents' participation, there are also opportunities for other school administrators, principals, and teachers to participate in League and Digital Promise initiatives.

The League will officially welcome new members at its fall 2018 meeting on October 10 in Park City, UT, held in partnership with Juab School District, Uinta School District #1, and Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind.

About South Bay Union School District

The award winning South Bay Union School District proudly serves over 7,500 students in Imperial Beach, San Ysidro, and south San Diego. The District is comprised of twelve campuses, including nine K-6 schools, two K-8 charter schools, and one Preschool. South Bay offers several specialized programs including Dual Language, Instrumental Music, Leader in Me, No Excuses University, Visual and Performing Arts, and a STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) Academy. For more information, visit www.sbusd.org and follow @SBUSD_SUPT for the latest news.

About Digital Promise

Digital Promise is a nonprofit organization that builds powerful networks and takes on grand challenges by working at the intersection of researchers, entrepreneurs, and educators. Our vision is that all people, at every stage of their lives, have access to learning experiences that help them acquire the knowledge and skills they need to thrive and continuously learn in an ever-changing world. For more information, visit the Digital Promise website and follow @digitalpromise for updates.

For more information on the Digital Promise League of Innovative Schools, visit: digitalpromise.org/league.

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