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Mentorship and Collaboration with the San Diego County District Attorney Team

At Bancroft Elementary School, students and families are joining in a partnership with the San Diego County

District Attorney's office. The program will provide positive mentors, tutoring and community events. Camden Flores, a 2018 San Diego County Teacher of the Year, who has taught in the La Mesa-Spring Valley Schools for over 20 years, shared her personal story that included how powerful mentors helped her to achieve her dreams. It is the hope of Ms. Flores that all children will have positive and caring mentors who can help encourage, guide and support them. Hearing Ms. Flores' story, San Diego County District Attorney Summer Stephan was immediately interested in how her team could be involved in mentorship opportunities and outreach with families at Bancroft Elementary School.

September 7, the San Diego County District Attorney's team came out to "Power League Family Night" at Bancroft Elementary School. DA Stephan shared with families about her beliefs around the power of building strong, connected and



healthy community partnerships. Ms. Flores also addressed students and families about the upcoming partnership with the DA that would involve tutoring, family events and mentorship opportunities. Bancroft



Principal Kim Libenguth was engaged with families and the DA's office, as she welcomed all to the school for this opportunity. Family Night included dinner and games involving the whole family, as well as a meet and greet with the team from the DA's office. In October, students from Bancroft Elementary will be paired with mentors and will begin operating "Power League" after school on Fridays. Mentors from the DA's office and community will work with children

on academic and social skills. Principal Libenguth, Ms. Flores, and the entire Bancroft team are excited about the positive partnerships being formed with community and the DA's office. The San Diego County District Attorney's office hopes to expand the program to additional elementary schools in the San Diego area.

To learn more about this program and others in La Mesa-Spring Valley Schools, visit our website at <u>www.lmsvschools.org</u> or visit us online on <u>Twitter</u>, <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Instagram</u> and YouTube.