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## Grossmont Union High School District Hosts Diversity Training

*Workplace Training Fosters Greater Collaboration for Increased Student Success*

(EL CAJON, CA)—More than one hundred management employees in the Grossmont Union High School District (GUHSD) this week participated in the Anti-Defamation League's "A World of Difference" training program. As part of its ongoing professional development training for management employees, the GUHSD hosted four half-day workshops designed to equip staff to meet the leadership challenges of its increasingly diverse workplace and student populations.

"It is my priority to aggressively recruit a diverse leadership team that will fulfill the needs of our culturally rich student population," said Superintendent Terry Ryan. The District's goal is to ensure a productive working and academic learning environment that respects diversity and builds upon its promise. Ryan added, "It is our diversity that allows us to be the employer of choice and the provider of choice in East County."

The "A World of Difference" program seeks to help participants explore the value of diversity, recognize bias and the harm it inflicts on individuals, improve inter-group relations, and halt racism and all forms of prejudice. The Program is designed to encourage participants to celebrate and understand their differences, in an effort to elevate respect and collaboration.

School Board Vice President Evelyn Wills found the program educational and very informative. "It creates a wonderful awareness of the importance of working and operating in an environment where diversity is expected and appreciated," she said. Trustee Wills added that the training is designed to increase productivity, student success and foster a more cohesive campus for all stakeholders: parents, students and the community at large.

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