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from the office of Superintendent Robert Collins



“Meanwhile, at a Military Hospital in Ramadi, Iraq . . .”

Upon entering Monte Vista High School's main office recently, I saw the entire counter filled with boxes and each one stuffed with basic toiletries, books, beef jerky and other items that we purchase everyday, consume and don't think a lot about.

On the other hand, in Ramadi, Iraq, these items are in very short supply if available at all. For **Blake Lubick, Monte Vista Campus Supervisor** on military leave, these boxes are as good as gold. The Monte Vista staff is preparing the 25 boxes of goods for Blake and members of his medical hospital unit in Ramadi. Blake has been in Ramadi since February and has a one-year commitment.

Throughout our District we have alumni, teachers, administrators and classified staff who are serving or have served our country. I know that our schools, students and staff have made similar efforts to support staff as has Monte Vista.

In visiting schools, I am constantly reminded of the tremendous generosity and caring of our school staffs. **A very warm thank you for being there in a time of need!**

And for Blake Lubick in Ramadi? – Our prayers are with him and his family, as well as with all of the Grossmont District family serving overseas.



Doug Coffin, Santana High School and Warren Wood, El Cajon Valley High School help define a new CTE program in GUHSD

Two Career Educators Point the Way to A New Career Tech Educational (CTE) Plan

One cannot move a strong educational agenda and, in particular a new direction in Career Technical Education (CTE), without the leadership of teachers. Doug Coffin and Warren Wood are two of numerous Career Tech teachers in the Grossmont Union High School District who have the leadership skills and expertise to provide direction in developing a new CTE plan. Both the Santana High School and El Cajon Valley programs are recipients of Proposition 1D grants that allow the leveraging of District and State funds to renovate Career Tech facilities at both schools.

Santana High School – Engineering/Energy and Utilities

At Santana High School, the newly established Engineering/Energy and Utilities program will provide students with an instructional program designed around industry pathways that include: Engineering, Energy and Environmental Technology and Residential and Commercial Energy. Energy and utilities is forecasted to be California's largest growing industry sector with significantly higher earnings when compared to the other 14 sectors. It is also important to know that all pathways in this Career Tech program will allow for the completion of the A-G requirements to the University of California and will involve relationships with area universities, State colleges and community colleges. The Career Tech curriculum is integrated with the school's core curriculum and provides for job shadowing and internships. Already, Doug Coffin has received interest from San Diego State University, Grossmont and Cuyamaca Colleges, SDGE, Padre Dam Municipal Water District, Chevron and Cox Communications.

El Cajon Valley High School – Welding

In El Cajon, Warren Wood obtained a Proposition 1D grant that will renovate the Welding program that is already a model in Southern California. The program provides beginning to advanced training in welding. The program is accredited by the American Welding Society as a training and testing facility and American Welding Society certifications may be issued. The program offers tremendous opportunities to students and with a complete modernization of facilities and equipment, students will be prepared for a wide range of careers.