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Rep. John Huffman Congratulates Madras High School For Selection In Nike Grant Program

Nike School Innovation Fund Program Supports College and Career Readiness For Oregon Students

Salem, OR – Representative John Huffman (R-The Dalles) today congratulated Madras High School and its students for their selection to participate in the Nike School Innovation Fund (NSIF) College and Career Readiness Program. As a participating member of the program, Madras High School will receive grants, training and other materials to help promote college and career readiness among its students.

“Programs like the Nike School Innovation Fund help prepare our students for college and careers by equipping our teachers and schools with valuable resources to support the goals and dreams of our next generation of leaders,” said Rep. Huffman. “I congratulate the students and faculty of Madras High School on their selection to participate in this innovative program.”

Out of the many Oregon schools that applied across the state, fifty high schools and thirty middle schools were selected to participate in the NSIF programs and events. According to a [press release from Nike](#), these schools will receive:

- Grants to support rigorous instruction and programming for all students with coaching and support from AVID (Advancement via Individual Determination) and other Nike School Innovation Fund consultants or programs
- Grants to support best practice training at a professional development Summer Institute for at least eight teachers, counselors and principals
- School leadership training
- Program materials and support from Nike leaders in partnership with the Oregon-based EPIC (Educational Policy Improvement Center)

About the Nike School Innovation Fund

The Nike School Innovation Fund (NSIF) accelerates college and career readiness for Oregon’s students with an initial \$1.5 million in direct grants to public high schools and school districts across Oregon.

Since 2007, NSIF has provided \$9 million to support early learning and school leadership development in the Beaverton School District, Hillsboro School District and Portland Public Schools. NSIF has since

expanded to support schools statewide. The NSIF College and Career Readiness Program aims to increase the number of students who graduate on time and prepare all students to succeed in high school and beyond.

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