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To Schools and Districts of Orange County,

The Orange County Department of Education is proud to collaborate with the Orange County Council of Scouting America, in support of student development across our schools through their many programs and values that complement education in the classroom.

Scouting America plays a vital role in supporting the growth and success of many public school students throughout our county. Scouting offers an array of enriching experiences that develop leadership, integrity, citizenship, and perseverance in young people. Through hands-on learning, outdoor adventures, and service-oriented projects, scouts gain real-world skills that reinforce classroom instruction and promote social and emotional growth.

Participation in scouting helps students build confidence, practice teamwork, and explore interests in areas such as science, technology, engineering, the environment, and public service. These opportunities prepare students not just for academic achievement, but for lifelong contributions to their communities.

We encourage schools and districts to partner with Orange County Scouting America to provide students and families with access to scouting programs. These efforts help expand student opportunities and build stronger school-community connections.

If you have any questions or would like further information, please feel free to contact Dennis Cole, OCDE Chief of Staff, at (714) 966-4210.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to supporting the growth and success of students across Orange County.

Sincerely,

Dr. Stefan Bean
County Superintendent of Schools