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Roosevelt Middle to Become GUSD's Next Magnet School

GLENDALE, CA – On Tuesday, May 7, the GUSD Board of Education unanimously voted to transform Roosevelt Middle School into a STEAM Magnet beginning with the 2020-21 school year. Magnet schools are district schools that offer students unique, theme-based educational experiences. Roosevelt's theme will be "STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics)."

Roosevelt will be the first middle school magnet in GUSD. The District has four elementary magnet schools, Cerritos Computer Science, Edison Advanced Technology, Franklin International Foreign Language Academy, and Keppel Visual and Performing Arts Magnet; as well as Clark Magnet High School, which has an emphasis on science and technology.

"The curriculum offered at Roosevelt STEAM Academy Magnet will serve as a bridge between the amazing programs we have at our technology-focused elementary magnets and the great STEAM programs at Glendale, Hoover, and Clark Magnet High Schools," said Roosevelt Principal Dr. Kyle Bruich.

Although Roosevelt will not officially become a magnet school until fall 2020, students will immediately benefit from advanced STEAM curriculum. Beginning this fall, Roosevelt teachers will have broader computer availability in every classroom and students will have access to digital curriculum throughout the school day, including using Google Classroom in all classes. Roosevelt science teachers will begin embedding computer science instruction into their classes this fall through a partnership with Code to the Future, a leading computer science program already being implemented at Cerritos Elementary Computer Science Magnet. Additional classroom technology and advanced computer science curriculum, including the partnership with Code to the Future, will be primarily funded by the District's Career and Technical Education (CTE) grant.

"We already have incredible hands-on and inquiry-based instruction happening in our classes at Roosevelt," said GUSD Board President and current Roosevelt parent Jennifer Freemon. "I can't wait to see how the magnet designation will take the school to the next level."

Magnet schools may enroll students from outside the enrollment boundaries set by the district, attracting a diverse student population to the school. For the 2019-20 school year, the Roosevelt enrollment process will not change. After Roosevelt transitions to a magnet school in the 2020-21 school year, students who

live within the Roosevelt enrollment boundary and students who attend an elementary program that feeds into Roosevelt may automatically enroll at the school. All other students will be able to apply to the Roosevelt Magnet by completing an online application and entering the lottery.

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