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### FUNDING AWARDED TO IMPROVE SCHOOL MEALS AND CAFETERIA ATMOSPHERES

SHASTA COUNTY – Six local elementary schools were awarded funding to make enhancements to their school meals and/or cafeteria atmosphere. The Healthy Students Initiative, as part of Healthy Shasta, has awarded nearly \$104,000 among the schools.

- Bonny View Elementary School: Up to \$4,183 to purchase an additional two-door refrigerator to store and serve a greater variety of fruits and vegetables
- Burney Elementary School: Up to \$22,340 to create a pleasant cafeteria environment encouraging students to eat school meals creating less food waste
- Happy Valley Union School District: Up to \$38,804 to improve the cafeteria environment, expand school gardens, and purchase kitchen equipment
- Manzanita Elementary School: Up to \$19,600 to purchase a baking oven and to extend a food preparation counter to allow for additional from-scratch cooking
- Pacheco Elementary School: Awarded up to \$14,800 to replace a dishwasher and purchase new reusable student trays as a way to decrease waste
- Shasta Meadows Elementary School: Up to \$4,000 to purchase a new mixer to allow for additional from-scratch cooking

The HSI will release funding applications in April 2013 for funding for the 2013-14 school year. Check the Healthy Shasta website ([www.healthyshasta.org](http://www.healthyshasta.org)) in the future for more information.

The Healthy Students Initiative (HSI) is a seven-year Healthy Shasta project to implement solutions to address childhood obesity in Shasta County school communities. The Healthy Students Initiative is funded by The McConnell Foundation, Shasta Family YMCA, and Shasta County Public Health in partnership with Bella Vista, Cypress, and Lassen View schools. The overall goal is to improve the health and academic success of Shasta County students in three schools and to develop a roadmap for other local schools.

For more information, visit [www.healthyshasta.org](http://www.healthyshasta.org) or call (530) 245-6843.

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