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VICTOR VALLEY UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Victor Valley UHSD Employees,

We have exciting news for our district. VVUHSD has entered into an agreement with the High Desert Community Foundation to establish an affiliate fund. The fund will be called the **Victor Valley Good to Great Fund**. The mission of this fund is to support student development by encouraging community investment and involvement in helping raise student achievement and move our district from Good to GREAT.

The High Desert Community Foundation, founded in 1997, is a tax-exempt, public benefit charity that provides a permanent and growing source of funding to numerous organizations operating for charitable purposes throughout the High Desert and mountain communities of San Bernardino County. Currently the Foundation maintains over \$2.5 million in separate funds with over 30 active affiliate accounts. The High Desert Community Foundation Board has offered our district the opportunity to set up an affiliate account within the High Desert Community Foundation to serve as the vehicle to support a Foundation for our district and raise needed funds.

Donations raised and deposited into the **Good to Great Fund** will be used exclusively to provide employees mini-grants directly related to student achievement. A **Good to Great Fund** Advisory Committee will be established (consisting of the Superintendent, Board of Trustee and two appointed members from each bargaining unit) to oversee grant funding and allocations.

Enclosed please find a Voluntary Payroll Deduction Form. \$1-2 dollars per paycheck donated from each employee could raise well over \$20,000 each year for students. You can also write a check to the Good to Great Fund and forward it to Monika Knight in Business.

The **Good to Great Fund** endeavors to kick off mini-grant applications in May 2010 for 2010-2-11 funded projects. Please join me in donating funds for the **Good to GREAT Fund**. I have made an initial \$200 donation to establish our account and will be working with our business partners and community members to raise much needed funds for our students. All donations are tax deductible. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marilou Ryder".

Dr. Marilou Ryder, Superintendent