



Chevron Invests \$1 Million in Los Angeles Area Schools

Jim Garza, Principal, El Segundo High School

In today's world, mastery of core subjects in the 21st century learning skills are essential to student success.

The doom and gloom out of Sacramento, of course, has created many obstacles for us. We're looking at a \$1.6 million deficit. That impacts instructional programs, services, athletics – pick a topic, it's a negative impact.

Don Knabe, Supervisor, Los Angeles County, 4th District

The school districts are dramatically impacted. The force of education is sort of being pushed aside.

Rod Spackman, Policy, Government & Public Affairs, Chevron

We appreciate the fact that everybody's come here today to join us in announcing this \$1 million investment in STEM education for the surrounding schools.

John Jackson, Principal, Manhattan Beach Middle School

STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. That's really the basis for a lot of things in the real world and a foundation for all the academic subjects in school. And so this teaches them how to think, how to tie things together and really help focus their thinking.

Jane Harman, Congresswoman (D-CA)

A grant like this to local schools keeps the food chain going and produces kids who will fill the high-skill, high-wage jobs of tomorrow.

Liseth Casillas, Student, Environmental Charter High School

We used recycled materials to show people how to be more sustainable in their own home.

Zaid Khalil, Student, Environmental Charter High School

All the rain that catches and falls on your roof basically goes into here. Now this will save you a lot of money on your water bill.

Frank Zavala, Student, Lennox Mathematics, Science & Technology Academy

Companies like Chevron that are donating money to schools like us is very helpful because that way we can get more material and we can expand on our ideas.

Rod Spackman

We're just taking a small stab at trying to ensure that in the local school districts they can still deliver really good-quality education in a couple of key areas and not have to reduce the opportunity to deliver that to students that want it, need it and would like to have it as part of their education.

Kassandra Castellanos, Student, Da Vinci Science Academy

More technology is going to be coming in, and we get to do more high-tech things.

Dr. Donald Brann, V.P., Board of Trustees, Da Vinci Schools

They're feeding the STEM pipeline, and this is so, so important here in El Segundo, the aerospace capital of the world.

Jane Harman

El Segundo, the community where most of aerospace is, is named El Segundo because it was the second Chevron refinery.

Rod Spackman

We're a member of this community. We're a neighbor. And just like any neighbor, we have an obligation to help ensure that we have a good quality of life here, and I think it starts with how well our kids are able to get a good education.