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County

To: Board of Supervisors
From: Diana Becton, District Attorney
Date: March 10, 2020

Subject: Additional gift cards for Helms Middle School human trafficking awareness curriculum

RECOMMENDATION(S):

AUTHORIZE the District Attorney's Office to provide three (3) Target gift cards in an amount of \$50 each for a total of \$150 for the human trafficking awareness curriculum at Helms Middle School in the West Contra Costa Unified School District.

FISCAL IMPACT:

100% DA Asset Forfeiture Funding. Gift cards were previously purchased.

BACKGROUND:

On July 9, 2019, the Board of Supervisors ratified the District Attorney's Office's purchase of \$13,350 of Target gift cards from October 2016 for Gun Buy-Back Events. The balance of gift cards in the amount of \$8,200 is being safeguarded and tracked in accordance with Administrative Bulletin 615, and authorization is being requested for their use.

On January 21, 2020 the Board of Supervisors District Attorney's Office to provide three (3) Target gift cards in an amount of \$50 each for a total of \$150 for the human trafficking awareness curriculum at Helms Middle School in the West Contra Costa Unified School District. This item seeks authorization to provide another (3) Target gift

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **03/10/2020** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

VOTE OF SUPERVISORS

AYE: John Gioia, District I Supervisor
Candace Andersen, District II Supervisor
Diane Burgis, District III Supervisor
Karen Mitchoff, District IV Supervisor
Federal D. Glover, District V Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: March 10, 2020

David Twa, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

cards in an amount of \$50 each for a total of \$150 for the same purpose. This will allow three 7th graders and three 8th graders to receive a gift card as a prize.

Throughout the month of January, the District Attorney's Office presented a human trafficking curriculum to middle school students at Helms Middle School in the West Contra Costa Unified School District. The objective of this curriculum was to educate students about the recruitment strategies of human traffickers and empower them to protect themselves from predators. We introduced our courthouse dog, who supports victims of crime in the courtroom and comforts survivors who have to testify in court.

Through our discussion, students learned what human trafficking is and how it is currently impacting their community. We led an interactive discussion about how unhealthy relationships can become abusive and lead to trafficking; most importantly, students learned strategies to protect themselves and what to do if they are approached by predators through social media or in person.

As part of our curriculum, we asked the students to create artwork to express what they have learned about human trafficking. We ultimately selected six winners, who were honored at the Human Trafficking Day of Action on January 23rd in West Contra Costa County. As their prize, we will give three 7th grader and three 8th grade students a \$50 Target Gift Card.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

The District Attorney's Office will not be able to provide already purchased gift cards to three additional local school children at Helms Middle School for the human trafficking awareness curriculum.