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**Madera Unified School Board Approves “Madera Technical Exploration Center (MAD TEC)” as the Name for the New Concurrent Enrollment Middle School**

Madera, Calif. - The Madera Unified School District Board approved the name “Madera Technical Exploration Center (MAD TEC)” for the new innovative concurrent enrollment middle school scheduled to open in the fall of 2020. Madera Technical Exploration Center, which will be made up of students from middle school’s within the district, will learn in labs that include: Agriculture, Public Safety, Digital and Performing Arts, Engineering, Manufacturing, Health Careers and Medical Occupations and Business. According to the school Principal, Alyson Rocco, her team is happy and proud to have a name and start building an identity with the community.

“Having Madera in the name was important to all stakeholders because this unique school has an opportunity to serve all 8th-grade students from across the district. It’s not constricted by school boundary lines. Students will learn technical skills through project-based learning in each lab school while exploring careers prior to entering Career Technical Education (CTE) pathways in high school. Madera Technical Exploration Center encompasses all those concepts in its name,” said Rocco.

Overall, the process of picking a name took about two months and input from all stakeholders, including students and industry partners, were taken into consideration.

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Madera Unified School District was established in 1966. The District is committed to creating and sustaining a culture enabling Madera Unified students to experience an unparalleled educational journey that is intellectually, socially and personally transformative.