**Maricopa County Partners with Pendergast District for Community Mask**

*All twelve schools in district to benefit from the donation*

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**August 11, 2020 - Phoenix, Arizona** – The Pendergast Elementary School District is proud to partner with local supporters and was fortunate to receive a donation of 12,000 face masks to serve the community at each of the twelve school sites. According to Dr. Lily Matos DeBlieux, Pendergast Superintendent, “On behalf of the students, staff, families and communities of the Pendergast District, we are deeply grateful for the acquisition and delivery of the 12,000 face masks to the Pendergast community. In this incredibly challenging time, it is so wonderful to know we have believers who are serving the community and working to keep everyone safe and healthy. We were fortunate to be one of three districts to receive the masks.”

State Senator Martin Quezada, a board member in the Pendergast District, worked with Supervisor Gallardo to secure the donation of masks and said, “With the number of cases of COVID-19 in the district being disproportionally high, the mask donation will help save lives. The Pendergast District is appreciative of our efforts and applauds the generosity and caring spirit. With the donation of the masks, the Pendergast District has saved much needed district funds that would otherwise need to be spent on masks for the community to use once schools open for in-person classes.”

Maricopa County District 5 Supervisor Steve Gallardo shares, “Maricopa County values the health and safety of our communities; that is why I am proud to partner up with the Pendergast School District in distributing face masks to our local neighborhoods to help to stop the spread of COVID-19.”