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Fontana Unified Middle School Honored as 2020-21 U.S. Showcase Incubator School by Microsoft

FONTANA, CA – Sequoia Middle School has been designated a 2020-21 U.S. Showcase Incubator School by Microsoft, recognizing its commitment to developing robust, technology-driven instructional practices and supporting student success.

As a Showcase Incubator School, Sequoia Middle School is on the path to becoming a Microsoft Showcase School, a designation given to an exclusive global community of schools dedicated to pursuing innovative technologies for bolstering student achievement.

“Being a Showcase Incubator School opens up a world of opportunity for Sequoia students, teachers, staff, and families,” Sequoia Middle School Principal Antonio Viramontes said. “We’re excited to network with other schools and educators, share ideas on how to inspire student success and continue to integrate technology into our educational practices.”

When the COVID-19 pandemic hit, Sequoia Middle School staff and students embraced professional development opportunities and explored an array of digital tools, including Microsoft Teams, OneDrive, and Microsoft Edge. They used these tools to provide virtual walk-throughs of the science lab and review safety procedures, and it’s made students feel like they’re back in that lab and made them even more excited to learn.”

Sequoia’s culture of collaboration is further supported by two teachers who became Microsoft Innovative Educator (MIE) Experts and an assistant principal who is a MIE Expert and Trainer. Sequoia’s MIEs share their ideas for using technology effectively with their peers while providing Microsoft with insight on new education products and tools.

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