DUSD receives \$10,000 from McDonald's

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Douglas McDonald's owner Leann Richards presented a \$10,000 check to the Douglas Unified School District Gear Up and Expect More Arizona programs on September 18.

During the "Train the Trainer" and family engagement workshop at the DUSD administrative office, parent liaisons enjoyed a special treat from Richards, McDonald's pumpkin spice lattes and funding for their in school workshops.

Arizona McDonald's restaurants raised money during their Teacher Appreciation event on May 7.

The restaurants donated a portion of McCafé sales on that day. The funds have been earmarked for Expect More Arizona's "Train the Trainer" and family engagement workshops throughout Arizona, including the one in Douglas.

Richards who owns both McDonald's in Douglas, Sierra Vista and three locations in Nogales said that every kid in Arizona deserves a good education and this is one way for her to make that possible.

"Expect More Arizona provides resources to rural communities, there's lots of resources in Tucson, not so here," Richards said. "I used to teach, so this is near and dear to my heart."

Expect More Arizona is building a movement of public will in Arizona to raise the bar on education, delivering a world-class education system and expecting world-class achievement of every student.

Expect More Arizona is focused on the following movement-building initiatives and campaigns:

- Engaging Parents and Families Expect More Arizona's ongoing family engagement campaign asks parents to create a high expectations culture in their home, to engage more in their child's education and provides them with valuable tools and resources.
- Preparing Students for College and Career Success In partnership with Arizona GEAR UP and Northern Arizona University, this initiative engages parents and students in creating a postsecondary going culture in communities throughout Arizona, with a focus on low-income and rural communities.
- Mobilizing Voters to 'Vote 4 Education' Expect More Arizona's Vote 4 Education campaign aims to make a world-class education for every Arizona student the top issue for voters and to hold elected leaders accountable to making education a priority.

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