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TeamPaso launches a \$125,000 matching gift campaign. Contributions from community donors will be immediately doubled, significantly enhancing the future of Paso Robles students.

Paso Robles, CA—December 16, 2024...TeamPaso, a local nonprofit, proudly launches a matching gift campaign thanks to a generous contribution from Larry Martinek, Founder of Mathnasium. This initiative—a groundbreaking partnership with the Paso Robles Unified School District (PRJUSD), Mathnasium, the global leader in Math education, and the Paso Robles Community—**delivers after-school math tutoring to Paso Robles students at no cost to them or their parents—doubling the impact of every donation.**

Larry Martinek, co-founder and Educational Director of Mathnasium Learning Centers (1,176 active organizations in 11 countries), and his wife Lynn have invested over \$500,000 to create Mathnasium of Atascadero, a solution to the math education crisis in North County.

The Martineks are now offering a \$125,000 matching grant to fund TeamPaso's ongoing operations and promote math education in North County. The Martineks live and operate out of Los Angeles and have no children in the North County school system. Their interest is in promoting the Math education of children in California, the country, and the world whose families cannot afford the services of Mathnasium or any other after-school paid opportunities.

"Our children's future is in serious jeopardy because over 84 percent of Paso Robles students are 2 to 5 years below grade level in math," said Orlando Gallegos, Executive Director of Team Paso. "Most high-demand and/or high-wage jobs in coming years require strong math skills."

"Paso Robles Joint Unified School District (PRJUSD) is taking immediate action to address this need," said Jennifer Loftus, Superintendent of PRJUSD.

Importance of Strong Math Skills to Secure the Jobs of the Future

Artificial Intelligence (AI), Quantum Computing, and other new technologies influence all market segments and industries, including agriculture, transportation, mining, medicine, energy conservation, and consumer goods. Without strong math skills, our children will be left behind and unable to get jobs after school. The first after-school tutoring program started this past November and will grow to include thousands of students in PRJUSD. Together, we have the power to shape the future of our children into a promising future.

Best known for teaching for understanding, Mathnasium shows students how to think mathematically. They build critical thinking and problem-solving skills that help children succeed in math and life. The Mathnasium advantage combines mental, verbal, visual, tactile,

and written teaching techniques that address how each child learns best. Instructors connect with children individually, one instructor for every four students during each hourlong session.

"It's a great plan for those who can afford tutoring. However, many families in Paso Robles cannot. That's where TeamPaso steps in. By offering free math tutoring services to students and their parents, we ensure that all Paso Robles students can succeed in life." said Larry Martinek.

Support Paso Robles students as *they catch up, keep up, get ahead, and stay ahead*. For more information, go to **TeamPaso.org**. Have your contribution **doubled. Donate today!**

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About Mathnasium

Founded by Larry Martinek in 2002, Mathnasium teaches individual mathematics skills and concepts. Children become mathematical thinkers. Mathnasium gives each child a comprehensive assessment that pinpoints their strengths and weaknesses and a customized learning plan. Mathnasium expert instructors provide face-to-face tutoring at the right pace for each child. Mathnasium has 1,176 Active Organizations in 11 countries—1024 active tutoring centers in 50 states—and 171 active sites in California. For more information, go to www.mathnasium.com or call 805 436-3020