

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Governor Brown Announces Recipients of National Foundation for Governors' Fitness Councils Awards**

*(Salem, OR)* – Today, Governor Kate Brown announced that three Oregon schools have been selected by the National Foundation for Governors' Fitness Councils (NFGFC) Don't Quit! campaign to receive \$100,000 fitness centers. Neil Armstrong Middle School in Forest Grove, Weston Middle School in Weston, and Oaklea Middle School in Junction City were each chosen after an application and review process conducted by NFGFC.

"Congratulations to Neil Armstrong Middle School, Weston Middle School and Oaklea Middle School on their selection," Governor Brown said. "It's no secret that when healthy eating and exercise are introduced during adolescence, young people continue to make those good decisions throughout their lives. I thank the National Foundation for Governors' Fitness Councils for helping these three middle schools promote active lifestyles in young Oregonians."

The state-of-the-art fitness centers will be unveiled this fall. Each fitness center is financed through public/private partnerships and does not rely on taxpayer dollars or state funding. All public and private elementary and middle schools in Oregon were eligible to apply for the Don't Quit! campaign.

"When I declared war on childhood obesity, I knew it would take an army of leaders to make a difference. I was thrilled when Governor Brown joined our efforts to help put a stop to this disease in Oregon," NFGFC Chairman Jake Steinfeld said. "The National Foundation is really excited to award three Oregon schools with new fitness centers that will have a lasting impact on kids and their community now, and well into their future!"

Oregon, Colorado, Louisiana and Maryland were selected to participate in the 2017 NFGFC Don't Quit! campaign. Since 2012, NFGFC has delivered fitness centers in 18 states and Washington, D.C. The foundation's goal is to place fitness centers in all 50 states.

For more information about the NFGFC, [www.natgovfit.org](http://www.natgovfit.org).

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