

## **Governor Brown Announces National Foundation for Governors' Fitness Councils to Award Three \$100,000 Fitness Centers to Oregon Schools**

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(Salem, OR) — Governor Kate Brown today announced nominations are now open for Oregon elementary and middle schools to apply for the National Foundation of Governors' Fitness Councils 2017 DON'T QUIT! fitness campaign. Three Oregon schools that demonstrate leadership in getting and keeping students fit will be selected to receive \$100,000 fitness centers.

"Our children deserve to lead healthy lives that allow them to learn, play, and grow," Governor Brown said. "I encourage Oregon schools to apply for this opportunity to help students incorporate physical activity and wellness into their daily lives."

Oregon is one of four states selected to participate in the 2017 NFGFC campaign by Jake Steinfeld, chairman of the foundation. The other states are Colorado, Louisiana, and Maryland.

"I've traveled extensively throughout the United States delivering DON'T QUIT! Fitness Centers and the response from students, teachers, and the community has been unbelievable," Steinfeld said. "Kids are excited about working out and being physically active and, as a result, their academic and self-esteem are skyrocketing. Now, Oregon schools have an opportunity to make a change that will have a lasting impact on kids well into their future."

Each fitness center is financed through public/private partnerships and does not rely on taxpayer dollars or state funding. Since 2012, the 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.

Nominations are open from today until June 2. For more information about the NFGFC or to download a nomination form, visit [www.natgovfit.org](http://www.natgovfit.org).

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