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OS Business Interiors Awards New Classroom for Winner of the “Ugliest Classroom Contest”
OS Business Interiors turns a dream into reality for one school in the El Monte School District.

EL MONTE, CA (November 21, 2011) —OS Business Interiors, a division of Office Solutions, the largest Southern California independent commercial office product, printing, furniture and technology provider, awarded a new classroom to the students and faculty of Fernando R. Ledesma High School. The classroom was installed and presented to school officials during a ribbon cutting ceremony held on Monday, November 21st, 2011 at 12347 Ramona Boulevard, El Monte, CA at 11 a.m.

From September 12th through October 17th, 2011 OS Business Interiors held an “Ugliest Classroom Contest” throughout many Orange County and Los Angeles school districts. Through distribution of email-blasts, handing out flyers and visiting school districts, schools were asked to participate by submitting photographs of their schools’ in-need classrooms, as well as compelling reasoning behind why they deserved to be named the “ugliest classroom”. The winner was selected by an Office Solutions company-wide vote.

The contest winner, Fernando R. Ledesma High School (a continuation high school in El Monte Union High School District) received all new classroom furniture featuring a line called Smartlink by HON. A new teachers’ chair and desk, twenty-four student desks and chairs, as well as a modular storage unit were installed at the high school, totaling more than \$17,000 in value.

High School Principal, Freddy Arteaga, nominated this classroom for the contest due to poor resources: warped and borrowed folding tables as student desks, graffiti riddled chairs and no desk for classroom instructors. The winning classroom provides a learning center for the students of Fernando R. Ledesma High School, and also acts as a meeting place for many leadership groups and student clubs on campus.

“On behalf of Fernando R. Ledesma High School and the El Monte Union High School District, I would like to express our deep gratitude to Office Solutions for your generous contribution to the students and staff of our school. This donation will reach students from the entire El Monte, South El Monte and Rosemead communities. The furniture will greatly help us improve our commitment to providing our students with safe and inviting classrooms where they are nurtured to achieve their academic goals,” says Arteaga.

“With so many Southern California schools teaching daily with inadequate facilities, OS Business Interiors embraces any opportunity to help make a difference for students as well as to help turn an educator’s dream of a new classroom into a reality”, said Office Solutions’ President, Bob Mairena. “It is within our core company values to always give back to our local communities whenever possible”, concluded Mairena.

About Office Solutions

Office Solutions, the largest independent commercial office products provider in Southern California, services national corporate accounts throughout the United States with next-day service along with offering the most advanced procurement systems in the industry. It is continually recognized in the Orange County Business Journal as

one of the top 25 Orange County women-owned businesses as well as being in the top Orange County minority-owned businesses. The company has also been acknowledged for encouraging employees to share their time and resources with local charities such as Festival of Children, City of Hope, The Wooden Floor, and numerous other local organizations. Office Solutions continues to strive for the spirit of creativity and teamwork, as well as its commitment to exceptional customer service. Visit www.officesolutions.com for more on their community involvement.

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