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Elk Grove Unified Students at James Rutter Middle School Win 1st Place in My California GIS Mapping Showcase and Competition

The Rutter Story Map Team Takes Top Awards for Fourth Year in a Row and holds Strongest Record of Any California Grade 4-8 Division

ELK GROVE, Calif. – June 7, 2021 – The James Rutter Middle School Story Map team won first place in the 2021 My California GIS Mapping Showcase and Competition for the fourth consecutive year, and the team will go on to represent California in the national competition sponsored by Environmental Systems Research Institute. The team also placed second and third this year, bringing their total record to ten placements and one honorable mention since the team began participating in the competition in 2018. The James Rutter Middle School Story Map team now holds the strongest record of any California school in the grade 4-8 division.

This is a major accomplishment for the James Rutter Middle School team, as the team, like all other story map teams across California, faced the challenge of distance learning, a modified class schedule and reduced class hours due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The My California GIS Mapping Showcase and Competition is an annual event that began in 2016, and the competition encourages middle and high school students to harness the power of Geographic Information Systems and get connected with their state by producing an online map that focuses on stories, issues, or ideas that are important to them.

[Visit the James Rutter Middle School Story Map Competition website.](#)

About the Elk Grove Unified School District

The [Elk Grove Unified School District](#) (EGUSD) is the fifth-largest school district in California located in southern Sacramento County. EGUSD covers 320 square miles and includes 67 schools: 42 elementary schools, nine middle schools, nine high schools, five alternative education schools, an adult school, one charter school and a virtual academy. Offering a multitude of educational programs, including over 70 career-themed academies and pathways within 15 industry sectors, we prepare our students for college and career by supporting them with the means to be creative problem solvers; self-aware, self-reliant, and self-disciplined;

technically literate; effective communicators and collaborators; and engaged in the community as individuals with integrity. We integrate rigorous academics with career-based learning and real world workplace experiences and ensure that *Every Student is Learning, in Every Classroom, in Every Subject, Every Day to Prepare College, Career and Life Ready Graduates.*

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