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**For Immediate Release**

**Jennifer Farrell Joins The Board of Costa Mesa High School Foundation**

Costa Mesa, August 18, 2015- Jennifer Farrell, attorney with Rutan & Tucker LLP specializing in the firm's Government & Regulatory Law division, has joined the board of the Costa Mesa High School Foundation to assist in promoting the educational goals supported by the foundation benefitting public school students in Costa Mesa. Farrell, who also serves as Assistant City Attorney for the cities of Dana Point and Twentynine Palms has successfully handled complex legal matters on many issues facing citizens of California including but not limited to Coastal Commission jurisdiction, property tax allocations, medical marijuana matters as well as redevelopment disputes.

Farrell graduated magna cum laude from Chapman University School of Law and is a member of the Orange County Bar Association. She regularly appears before the California Court of Appeals and has also appeared before the California Supreme Court. A member of the Costa Mesa Chamber of Commerce, the Coast Community College Foundation District board, Farrell brings significant wisdom to the Costa Mesa High School Foundation as the board seeks a major expansion of educational paths offered to local students, including the new Mandarin Academy.

CMHSF President Katrina Ann Foley commented, "We are thrilled to have Jennifer join us. She brings wisdom, experience and great positive energy to our purpose as we introduce very ambitious academy programs to our student curriculum."

Coming up September 19<sup>th</sup> the Foundation will sponsor its 2015 gala billed as "Beat The Drum For The Arts" held at the Garden Terrace at South Coast Plaza. The evening will feature Asian themed fare and entertainment from the popular local band "Flash Back Heart Attack." Tickets are priced at \$75.00 per person and may be purchased by contacting gala chair Katrina Foley at 949.244.9010.

Funds raised will support Costa Mesa High School Foundation grants supporting the academics, teachers, and high school programs. Last year, \$100,000 in grants were made as a result of donor support in the community. For more information on the work of the foundation, please visit [www.cmhsfoundation.org](http://www.cmhsfoundation.org). To arrange a personal interview with Jennifer Farrell please contact Michele Mullen at Main Line Media, Inc. 949.244.3042.

**ABOUT COSTA MESA HIGH SCHOOL FOUNDATION**

The Costa Mesa High School Foundation was formed in 2003 to manage an endowment donated by CJ Segerstrom & Sons that funds enhanced educational opportunities at Costa Mesa Middle & High School. During the first 10 years, the Foundation contributed more than \$502,000 in teacher grants directly from the interest earned on the endowment. In 2013, the Foundation began to fundraise for additional discretionary funding with the Annual Gala and Home Tour. We now have four signature events annually: the Costa Mesa Community Run in April; Summer Mixer; Fall Gala; and December Home Tour.

**The Costa Mesa High School Foundation is a charitable 501 C3 organization and donations are tax deductible. To make a donation or learn more, please contact us.**

*"Providing educational opportunities for Costa Mesa High School students."*