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Hoops 4 All nonprofit works to bolster local basketball program

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Edward M. Downer Elementary School in San Pablo had a vibrant after-school basketball program with high student involvement and community support before the program was dissolved about 12 years ago due to budget cuts and a lack of coaches. Through the partnership with Downer Elementary, Hoops 4 All - a nonprofit organization dedicated to making the sport of basketball accessible to underprivileged Bay Area communities, founded by Campolindo High School junior Alvaro Ledezma - is looking to revitalize the school's basketball community and give the students an outlet to explore their passion for the sport.? The project consists of various renovations which are to be made to the school's basketball facilities, including the addition of side hoops to the school's gym and the painting of a mural overlooking the school's playground, as well as the hosting of basketball camps for Downer's students. Most of the renovations are set to take place during late July and early August, and the basketball camps will likely be held at the start of next school year and coached by local high school basketball players.?

To fund the project Hoops 4 All is organizing a fundraiser called the Hoops 4 All Shoot-A-Thon where participants from Campolindo High School's boys and girls basketball programs as well as from Infinite Training, a local AAU basketball team, solicit donations from friends and family, however anyone interested in donating can visit the Hoops 4 All - Edward M. Downer GoFundMe page (https://gofund.me/c3e6f053). For more information about Hoops 4 All, email hoops4all.emd@gmail.com.

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