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California Business for Education Excellence Names 1,304 Public Schools to the 2009 Honor Roll

Business Community Recognizes Outstanding Public Schools for Superior Student Academic Achievement and Reducing Achievement Gaps

Sacramento -- California Business for Education Excellence (CBEE) recently released the names of 26 schools in the Capistrano Unified Schools District named to the 2009 Honor Roll. The 2009 Honor Roll includes 1,304 California public elementary, middle and high schools that have been recognized by California's business community for having demonstrated consistent high student academic achievement and have made significant progress toward closing achievement gaps among all their students. CUSD schools receiving honors include:

High Schools

Aliso Niguel
Tesoro

Middle Schools/K-8

Arroyo Vista
Ladera Ranch
Las Flores

Elementary

Barcelona Hills
Bathgate
Castille
Chaparral
Clarence Lobo
Don Juan Avila
George White
John Malcom
Ladera Ranch
Laguna Niguel

Las Flores
Marian Bergeson
Moulton
Oak Grove
Oso Grande
Reilly
Tijeras Creek
Truman Benedict
Vista del Mar
Wagon Wheel

“These schools are the bright spots of hope in efforts to raise student academic achievement and close persistent achievement gaps,” said Kirk Clark, executive director of CBEE. “By highlighting them, recognizing their achievement, and giving them a voice, we hope other schools can learn from these proven practices and begin to take their success to scale throughout the state.”

No other school recognition program in California uses hard data, individual school and student subgroup performance data based on the California Standards Tests and the California High School Exit Exam, to evaluate school academic performance. It’s only by looking at this accurate data and evaluating students and schools based on grade-level proficiency of the California standards, that educators, parents and the public can thoroughly understand what is happening in our schools and ensure that schools are on track to get all students to grade-level proficiency.

Using data from EdResults.org, a free and accurate source of longitudinal student academic performance data, CBEE has identified and will honor the highest performing public schools in California. Schools making up the Honor Roll are consistently raising academic achievement and making significant progress toward closing achievement gaps for all students. These schools are recognized not only for their achievements, but so that other schools can learn the successful strategies or “best practices” of these Honor Roll schools.