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Palmyra and Panorama Elementary Schools Named California Distinguished Schools

ORANGE, Calif., April 9, 2008 – Palmyra and Panorama Elementary Schools have each been named a California Distinguished School. State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Jack O’Connell called Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Moore this morning to announce their selection officially. Superintendent Thomas Godley offered congratulations to Principals Connie Smith and Michelle Moore, as well as all members of their staff.

Becoming a California Distinguished School takes the efforts of the entire staff, parents and community and completing the application process is no small task. In order to be invited to apply for Distinguished School honors, schools must meet a variety of eligibility criteria including designated federal and state accountability measures based on *No Child Left Behind (NCLB)* Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) and the Academic Performance Index (API) requirements.

Site visitations were completed in March and the awards ceremony will be held on May 16, 2008.

Panorama had been recognized once before, in 2000. This is Palmyra’s first recognition as a Distinguished School.

The Orange Unified School District is located at 1401 North Handy Street in Orange, California.

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