



PRESS RELEASE – ORANGE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
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Palmyra and Panorama Elementary Schools Named California Distinguished Schools Finalists

ORANGE, Calif., February 8, 2008 – Two elementary schools within the Orange Unified School District have been selected as California Distinguished Schools finalists.

Superintendent Thomas Godley offered congratulations to Principal Connie Smith of Palmyra Elementary School and Principal Michelle Moore of Panorama Elementary, as well as all members of their staff for receiving the recognition.

Becoming a California Distinguished School takes the efforts of the entire staff, 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 will be completed mid to late March to confirm award status and the awards ceremony will be held at the Disneyland Hotel in May.

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

In addition, Dr. Godley called West Orange Elementary to congratulate them for receiving honorable mention.

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

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