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OUSD Joins List of EPA ENERGY STAR Leaders Thirteen Schools Recognized

ORANGE, Calif., January 27, 2010– The Orange Unified School District announced at its recent Board of Education Meeting that OUSD is proud to join EPA's list of ENERGY STAR Leaders, an elite group of organizations that have improved energy efficiency across all of the buildings in a portfolio. Thirteen OUSD schools were also recognized for exemplary energy conservation that contributed to energy cost reductions totaling more than \$1.5 million in 2007-08.

"Orange Unified is pleased to be named an EPA ENERGY STAR Leader," said Lori Davis, District Energy Manager. "Through this achievement, we have demonstrated our commitment to environmental stewardship while also lowering our energy costs."

ENERGY STAR Leaders manage energy strategically across an entire portfolio of buildings using EPA's standardized measurement tool for tracking building energy use. These select organizations are recognized by EPA for improving the energy performance of their portfolio by ten percent or more. The highest leaders recognition identifies those organizations with portfolios that perform in the top 25 percent of energy efficiency nationwide based upon the average of the buildings in the portfolio. OUSD is only one of three school districts statewide that earned the Energy Star Leader Award. Also, OUSD was named as a top performer in energy management for 2009.

Schools that earned the Energy Star label ~

Canyon Rim Elementary	Esplanade Elementary	Fairhaven Elementary
Handy Elementary	Imperial Elementary	Nohl Canyon Elementary
Running Springs Elementary	Serrano Elementary	Taft Elementary
Villa Park Elementary	Cerro Villa Middle School	Yorba Middle School
Richland Continuation		

"OUSD's energy management program relies on both staff and students to make the program a success. Not wasting energy and using resources only when needed is important for all of us. The cost of energy continues to increase and, by conserving, we can put the District's dollars to better use-educating children," said Davis.

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

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