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### **California Business for Education Excellence Names OUSD Schools to its '09 Honor Roll**

ORANGE, Calif., January 29, 2010– The Orange Unified School District announced today that California Business for Education Excellence (CBEE) named twelve OUSD schools to their Honor Roll for 2009. The CBEE recognizes public elementary, middle and high schools for having demonstrated consistent high student academic achievement and making significant progress toward closing achievement gaps among all their students. A total of 1,317 schools statewide made their Honor Roll.

“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 we can begin to take their successes to scale throughout the State.”

Carol Dubbs, California Elementary Resource teacher, said of her school’s success, “Our teachers have great work ethic. We have a terrific team here at California. We work together to problem solve to meet the needs of such a diverse population.”

California Principal Dr. Cyndi Paik added, “This staff is willing to do whatever it takes to help students be successful.”

Linda Vista teacher Becki Dodd believes their cohesive teaching staff has been the key to their success. “We are always sharing information with each other. We have a family atmosphere here at Linda Vista. These students belong to everyone,” said Dodd.

Orlene Burd, fourth grade teacher at Linda Vista, said the continued increase in achievement can be attributed to looking closely at student data. “We concentrate more on standards and taking a close look at student assessments to fine tune where there are holes,” she said.

Linda Vista principal Sally Hughson added, “Our teachers have high expectations for our students and they make personal connections with them as well.”

#### These twelve OUSD schools will receive this prestigious honor:

Anaheim Hills Elementary	California Elementary	Chapman Hills Elementary
Crescent Elementary	Imperial Elementary	Linda Vista Elementary
McPherson Magnet School	Nohl Canyon Elementary	Panorama Elementary
Running Springs Elem.	Serrano Elementary	Villa Park Elementary

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

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