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Fifteen OUSD Schools Named 2011 California Business for Education Excellence Honor Roll Schools

May 9, 2012 (Orange, CA) – Orange Unified School District (OUSD) announced today that fifteen District schools were selected by California Business for Education Excellence (CBEE) to receive the title of 2011 Honor Roll School. Only 1,614 public schools in California received this recognition.

Honor Roll Schools demonstrate consistently high levels of student academic achievement, improvement in achievement levels over time, and reduction in achievement gaps among student populations. For high schools, the Honor Roll recognition also includes measures of college readiness.

OUSD schools named on CBEE's 2011 Honor Roll include: Anaheim Hills Elementary, Canyon High, Chapman Hills Elementary, Crescent Elementary, El Rancho Charter, Imperial Elementary, Linda Vista Elementary, McPherson Magnet, Nohl Canyon Elementary, Panorama Elementary, Running Springs Elementary, Serrano Elementary, and Villa Park Elementary. In addition, Esplanade Elementary and Jordan Elementary each received the special distinction of Honor Roll "Star School" due to their significant population of socio-economically disadvantaged students.

"Our teachers and administrators work tirelessly to keep the focus on high expectations and student academic achievement. This hard work and dedication is paying off for all of our students, no matter their background," said OUSD Superintendent Michael Christensen. "We are so proud of each of our Honor Roll schools."

"These schools are the bright spots of excellence in efforts to raise student academic achievement and close persistent achievement gaps," said Jim Lanich, president of CBEE. "By highlighting them, recognizing their achievement and giving them a voice, we hope other schools can learn from them and replicate their proven practices throughout the state."

A full list of the Honor Roll schools can be found at: www.cbefoundation.org/honor_roll.html.

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

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