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ETIWANDA SCHOOL DISTRICT ONE OF ONLY ELEVEN DISTRICTS IN CALIFORNIA TO EARN “HONOR ROLL DISTRICT” RECOGNITION

TWELVE SCHOOLS IN ETIWANDA SCHOOL DISTRICT RECOGNIZED BY THE CALIFORNIA BUSINESS COMMUNITY FOR HIGH STUDENT ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AND CLOSING ACHIEVEMENT GAPS

*Schools Selected by
California Business for Education Excellence for Prestigious Honor Roll:
Caryn Elementary, Day Creek Intermediate,
East Heritage Elementary, Etiwanda Intermediate, Grapeland Elementary,
Heritage Intermediate, John L. Golden Elementary,
Perdew Elementary, Cecilia L. Solorio Elementary, Terra Vista Elementary,
West Heritage Elementary and Windrows Elementary*

(Etiwanda) – Etiwanda School District announced today that 12 school(s) have been selected by California Business for Education Excellence (CBEE) as 12 of 1,851 public schools in California to receive the title of 2014 Honor Roll school. After an extensive analysis of student data for every public school and district in California, Etiwanda School District stood above the rest in raising students to grade-level proficiency and beyond. In addition, the Etiwanda School District was named one of only eleven California Business for Education Excellence Honor Roll Districts for 2014.

Schools and Districts receiving this distinction from the California business community have demonstrated 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.

The CBEE Honor Roll is comprised of “Star Schools” Award (1,328 schools) and “Scholar Schools” Award (523) schools. CBEE Star Schools are those with significant populations of socio-economically disadvantaged students that have shown a significant increase in grade-level proficiency over time. CBEE Scholar Schools are schools that show significant levels of academic achievement, but do not have a significant socio-economically disadvantaged student population.

The business community is also recognizing a subset of the Honor Roll that has both high percentages of low-income students and high levels of math and science achievement. STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) Honor Roll schools will receive special recognition of their accomplishments. The following school received the added distinction of STEM Honor Roll: Perdew Elementary.

We are so proud to be recognized by California's business community as Honor Roll School and District," said Shawn Judson, Ed.D., Superintendent. "Our teachers and administrators work tirelessly to keep the focus on high expectations and student academic achievement and continuous improvement of our practices. This hard work and dedication is paying off for all of our students!"

"Many of our high performing schools are not getting the recognition they deserve. These schools that succeed in reducing the achievement gap and preparing their students for college and careers should be celebrated," said Lee Blitch, CBEE Chairman and past CEO, San Francisco Chamber of Commerce. "There are schools all over California that are leaders in ensuring their students are getting the best quality of education. Those schools need to be recognized."

Over time, CBEE has identified a common set of success factors in higher performing Honor Roll schools and districts. These include high expectations for all students; ongoing collaboration among teachers to improve practice; targeted use of data to pinpoint challenges and monitor progress; continual intervention for struggling students; and mastery of content knowledge and pedagogical practices.

"The American education system has a secret. Many schools are doing well... the Honor Roll proves it. Students are achieving at higher levels than anyone admits and more students than ever are succeeding when given the opportunity." said Jim Lanich, CBEE president. "All schools, no matter what zip code they are in, can achieve this kind of success and leadership from the business community is critical to ensuring successes for all students."

The Honor Roll list grew from 261 schools in 2005 to the current 1,851 for 2014. A full list of the Honor Roll schools can be found at: www.cbee.org.

The annual Honor Roll award is made possible with support from numerous businesses and organizations including State Farm, Macy's, Wells Fargo, Southern California Auto Club, Enterprise Rent-A-Car, the California Business Roundtable, and several private foundations. Chevron Corporation provided specific support in the creation of the STEM Honor Roll.