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FIFTEEN 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:
Carleton P. Lightfoot Elementary, Caryn Elementary,
David W. Long Elementary, Day Creek Intermediate,
East Heritage Elementary, Etiwanda Colony Elementary,
Etiwanda Intermediate, Grapeland Elementary,
Heritage Intermediate, John L. Golden Elementary,
Perdew Elementary, Summit Intermediate,
Terra Vista Elementary, West Heritage Elementary
and Windrows Elementary*

(Etiwanda) – Etiwanda School District announced today that 15 school(s) have been selected by California Business for Education Excellence (CBEE) as 15 of 2,099 public schools in California to receive the title of 2013 Honor Roll school. Additionally, following 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, and Etiwanda School District was then named one of seven California Business for Education Excellence Honor Roll Districts for 2013.

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 (1022 schools) and “Scholar Schools” Award (1,077) 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.

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!

"Having high standards, effective school leadership, and staying focused on student academic achievement has paid off for these Honor Roll Schools," said Lee Blich, CBEE Chairman and past CEO, San Francisco Chamber of Commerce. "These schools are an inspiration."

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.

"Our goal is to highlight these amazing schools who have been succeeding with our kids. Their practices can be replicated but only if those looking know where the status quo is unacceptable and where success and myth busting is taking place," said Jim Lanich, CBEE president. "All schools--no matter what zip code they are in-- can achieve this kind of success."

The Honor Roll list grew from 261 schools in 2005 to the current 2,099 for 2013. 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, Edison International, 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.