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Etiwanda School District's Heritage Intermediate School Golden Bell Award by CSBA

The Etiwanda School District is being honored with a Golden Bell Award, a leading educational honor in California sponsored by the California School Boards Association (CSBA). Celebrating its 35th year, the Golden Bell Awards promotes excellence in education and school board governance by recognizing outstanding programs and governance practices of governing boards in school districts and county offices of education throughout California.

The Golden Bell Awards program honors exemplary programs in 19 major categories that highlight best practices to support effective governance, teaching and student learning. Heritage Intermediate will receive its award at a recognition ceremony to be held on Tuesday, December 16th, at CSBA's Annual Education Conference and Trade Show in San Francisco.

Heritage Intermediate School received the Golden Bell Award for their program, *Emerging Young Leaders* (EYL), in the Parental/Community Involvement category. EYL is a mentoring program for female students in grades 6-8, to create strong ties with parents and the community. EYL is presented through collaboration with Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Eta Nu Omega Chapter, an educational sorority.

Dr. Judson, superintendent of Etiwanda School District, stated "*Emerging Young Leaders* is an outstanding example of the influence of parent and community partnership in schools. *Emerging Young Leaders* provides a powerful program that develops positive leadership skills for female students at Heritage Intermediate School."

Educational experts from school districts and county offices of education comprise the 26-member judging panel that review all written award entries. On-site visitations are scheduled to validate and assess the nominated programs to determine the winners.