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## ETIWANDA SCHOOL DISTRICT AND SEVEN ETIWANDA SCHOOLS RECOGNIZED FOR HIGH ACHIEVEMENT IN STUDENT SUCCESS

California School Districts and Schools Selected for Prestigious Honor Roll Issued By a National Campaign of Business and Education Leaders

May 19, 2016 (Rancho Cucamonga) – The Etiwanda School District announced today that the school district has been selected by Educational Results Partnership (ERP) and the Campaign for Business and Education Excellence (CBEE) as one of 13 public school districts in California to receive the title of 2015 Honor Roll School District. It is the third consecutive year the district has been named an Honor Roll District. In addition, seven Etiwanda schools were named as Honor Roll Schools: Caryn Elementary, Cecilia Lucero Solorio Elementary, East Heritage Elementary, Etiwanda Intermediate, Heritage Intermediate, Perdew Elementary, West Heritage Elementary.

The Honor Roll is part of a national effort to identify higher-performing schools and highlight successful practices that improve outcomes for students. School districts receiving this distinction have demonstrated consistent high levels of student academic achievement, improvement in achievement levels over time and reduction in achievement gaps among student populations. For school districts with high schools, the Honor Roll recognition also includes measures of college readiness.

"We are so proud for our district and our schools to be recognized by education and business leaders in California," said Dr. Shawn Judson, district superintendent. "The Honor Roll awards are recognition of the outstanding work of our teachers, support staff and administrators, and our collaboration with our families, to continuously improve achievement for all our students. These schools set a strong example for setting high expectations for all learners."

"We as adults have the opportunity to remove obstacles and boost momentum along the pathway from presechool to career," said Lee Blitch, ERP Board Chairman and President of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce. "When we close achievement gaps, we set our children on a path of productivity that not only leads to success in the classroom, but also prepares them to contribute to and benefit from a more productive economy. These Honor Roll schools are setting their students on the path to a college degree and the financial security of a living wage job."

"The American education system has a secret," said Jim Lanich, ERP President and CEO. "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. All schools, no matter what zip code they are in, can achieve this kind of success. Leadership from the business community is critical to ensuring successes for all students."

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

A full list of the Honor Roll schools, districts, and the STEM awardees can be found at <a href="http://edresults.org/HonorRoll/HonorRoll?State=CA">http://edresults.org/HonorRoll/HonorRoll?State=CA</a> or follow Jim Lanich, President and CEO at @JLanich or email us at <a href="http://edresults.org">help@edresults.org</a>.

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## Educational Results Partnership and the Campaign for Business and Education Excellence

Educational Results Partnership (ERP) and the Campaign for Business and Education Excellence (CBEE) partner with leaders in the business community in a shared mission: to ensure all students are prepared to success in college and career. Together, we work to improve educational productivity at all levels "K through Job." We draw upon the nation's largest database on student achievement to uncover successful schools, particularly in economically disadvantaged districts, and promote their best practices to schools that want to do better. Since 2005, the Honor Roll has focused business and academic leaders around a common agenda for high performing public schools leading to increased college success and economic productivity.