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## ROSE AVENUE SCHOOL LAUDED FOR SIGNIFICANTLY SUPPORTING STUDENTS

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Oxnard School District is proud to announce Rose Avenue School has been recognized as a recipient of the 2010 Title I Academic Achievement Award. Rose Avenue School is the only school in the Oxnard School District that will receive the 2010 Title I Academic Achievement Award and one of two schools in Ventura County.

"This award is significant because it recognizes the schools that are helping our lowest income students make outstanding gains to meet state academic standards," said Acting Superintendent Glenston Thompson.

The criteria to qualify for the Title I Academic Achievement Award have become more rigorous in recent years. The Title I Academic Achievement Award consideration includes: demonstration that all students are making significant progress toward proficiency on the state's academic and content standards; the school's population is comprised of at least 40 percent of students classified as socioeconomically disadvantaged in both 2008 and 2009; the school's socioeconomically disadvantaged students must have doubled the achievement targets set for them for two consecutive years; the school received Title I funds in both 2008 and 2009 as authorized by the *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001*.

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Jack O'Connell said, "These award recipients prove that with hard work and high expectations, students can overcome challenges and achieve academic success. By working together, administrators, teachers, staff, students, and parents have raised student achievement and narrowed the

achievement gap. I congratulate these schools and everyone who worked hard to make them deserving of this significant award."

"In the Oxnard School District children are the first priority and this honor is only a reflection of the strategic, ongoing, hard work by the staff, students, and parents," said Assistant Superintendent, Chief Academic Officer, Catherine Kawaguchi.

In this era of increasing accountability and high expectations, it is challenging for schools to reach the level of performance necessary for this award. Board of Trustees President Al Duff congratulates the hard working staff and administrators, students, and supportive parents on this great recognition.

Jack O'Connell called Principal Coletti to tell her Rose Avenue School had received the Title I Academic Achievement Award, one of 238 schools out of 9000 public schools in the state. "It is definitely worthwhile to personally give credit where credit is due," he said. Principal Coletti acknowledged that the award is a result of the ongoing focus at Rose Avenue School of teachers and staff, past and present. "The students, staff and teachers have worked very hard and this is a tremendous accomplishment. I would like to credit the dedicated former and current teachers of Rose Avenue who have made this Academic Achievement Award possible. At a time in education when educators are being asked to do more with less, I believe this speaks to the highly qualified, committed and professional teachers and staff at Rose Avenue School."

Upon hearing the news, former Rose Avenue Principal, Ana DeGenna, who led the school in 2008 and 2009, said, "Winning this award reinforces the hard work, collaboration and high expectations established at Rose Avenue, which positively impacted students' lives. I am proud and honored to have been the leader of that team."

A banquet at the Disneyland Hotel took place April 21 to honor the schools.

A press conference has been scheduled at Rose Avenue School on April 28 at 11:00 am to present the award to the Rose Avenue community. A Board of Trustees Resolution will be presented at the May 5<sup>th</sup> Board of Trustees meeting.

For more information about the Title I Academic Achievement Awards please visit the  
CDE Web page at: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/sr/aa/index.asp>.

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