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**Eleven of San José Unified's Schools
Grow in Statewide Ranks
But
SJUSD doesn't Stop There-
Sixteen of our Schools Show Improvement in
Similar Schools Ranks**

March 27, 2007, San José, CA: San José Unified was pleased with our Base Academic Performance Index (API) Report for 2006-2007, showing 11 of our schools moving at least one decile in state ranks. For a school to grow in state ranks, it's API must improve considerably over other schools at the same grade levels across the state. This year SJUSD had 1 middle school, 1 high school, and 9 elementary schools whose state ranks improved at least one level. These schools included Willow Glen Middle (from a state rank of 4 to 5), Middle College High (1 to 10), Allen (4 to 7), Grant (3 to 5), Carson (7 to 8), Terrell (6 to 7), Canoas (5 to 6), Trace (5 to 6), Almaden (4 to 5), Olinder (1 to 2) and Washington (1 to 2). Countywide, there were 11 middle schools, 6 high schools and 50 elementary schools whose state rankings improved by one or more levels. Only eight schools improved by more than one level- and three of them Allen, Grant, and Middle College were from SJUSD.

We are delighted that 16 of our schools showed improvement in Similar Schools (SS) Ranks. Three of the 20 countywide middle schools that made movement on

SS Ranks are SJUSD's: Castillero (from SS rank of 5 to 8), Burnett (2 to 5), and Willow Glen Middle (4 to 6). Two of SJUSD's high schools were among the top thirteen in the County: San José High's Similar School's Rank improved from 5 to 7 and Pioneer from 9 to 10. We are extremely proud of the improvement of our elementary schools improvement on Similar Schools Ranks. Eleven of our 27 elementary schools showed improvement representing a 41% improvement for our elementary schools. Those schools are: Almaden (Similar Schools Rank from 3 to 9), Allen (1 to 6), Grant (6 to 10), Canoas (6 to 9), Washington (4 to 7), Olinder (1 to 3), Graystone (2 to 4), Willow Glen Elementary (5 to 7), Galarza (2 to 4), Terrell (6 to 7), and Hammer (2 to 3). With 16 of our schools showing an increase in Similar Schools Ranks this represents a 40% increase among San José Unified's Schools Similar Schools Ranks.

Superintendent Don Iglesias congratulates the teachers and administrators both at the sites and the District Office for their dedication and hard work as they continue to focus their efforts on the District's Vital Few Priorities: preparing all students to meet standards, creating a college going culture for all students, being fiscally responsible while funding our priorities, staffing SJUSD with qualified personnel, and engaging parents and community as an integral part of the education process. "San José Unified is committed to excellence in education, closing the achievement gap, and continuous high expectations for all students, which will ensure equal access to a rigorous and challenging curriculum, enabling them to be lifelong learners empowered to take on the challenges of the future."

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