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**San José Unified School District Announces
Olinder and Grant Elementary Schools as
2007 California Association for Bilingual Education Award Winners**

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March 15, 2007, San José, CA.,San José Unified School District is proud to announce Olinder and Grant Elementary Schools will receive the California Association for Bilingual Education (CABE) Seal of Excellence Award at the CABE conference in Long Beach, on Friday March 16, 2007 at the “Seals of Excellence Banquet Awards Dinner.” The CABE Award was inaugurated in 1996 to honor exemplary bilingual education programs throughout the State. This prestigious award honors schools that have established effective programs for their English Learners.

San José Unified School District Superintendent Don Iglesias congratulates the staff, students and communities of Olinder and Grant Elementary Schools. *“The CABE Seal of Excellence Award honors the commitment we have made to the families of Olinder and Grant schools to offer a quality bilingual education program with the goal of transitioning students to English. The principals and staffs are dedicated to the academic success of each and every child and they are doing it in style with quality primary language programs.”*

To receive the CABE Seal of Excellence Award each school must meet the established rigorous criteria:

- bilingual language proficiency (English and other language) and academic achievement for students in the program;
- A comprehensive and enriched instructional program

that includes English Language Development, primary language instruction, and specially designed academic instruction in English; and providing continuous and coherent services for all grade levels;

- A professional development plan for certificated staff and using effective, research-based instructional strategies;
- A comprehensive curriculum for English Learners that is aligned to the standards at all grade levels;
- An effective school-home-community collaboration that empowers parents to become active participants in their children's education.

Olinder and Grant are schools with exemplary programs to support students in their academic achievement. Both schools also involve the families as the children's "first teachers" promoting family literacy skills that aide in the development of their children's academic growth.

With a gain of 81 points on their API, Olinder Elementary School was **Number 1** in Santa Clara County for API growth in 2006. They have just been awarded the Glenn W. Hoffmann Award from the Santa Clara County School Boards Association for their "I CARE" Parent Curriculum Program. Olinder met all of their AYP targets for 2006.

Grant Elementary School is a school to behold. Making fantastic gains of 119 points on their API over the past 2 years, on February 8, 2007, State Superintendent Jack O'Connell chose Grant as a site for his State of Education Roundtable Discussion – holding Grant as a model in best practices for closing the achievement Gap. In 2006, Grant's Hispanic API growth was 73 points. Grant has met all API growth targets for the past two years. Grant also met their AYP targets for 2006.

Olinder and Grant Elementary Schools are committed to providing an environment where all children are inspired and prepared for success.

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