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Smiles will Abound as 100 Volunteers Distribute 3500 Dictionaries to San José Unified's 3rd Grade Students

April 1, 2007 San José, CA: On Monday, April 2nd the non-profit California Dictionary Project, in conjunction with San José Unified School District and 100 volunteers from the non-profit sector, city government and business community will distribute dictionaries to all 3rd grade students in 110 classes in San José Unified School District's 27 elementary schools. The volunteers will also present a dictionary lesson with activities for the students.

San José Unified's Superintendent Don Iglesias, Adobe employees, and Barry Graynor and Elizabeth Rhein from the California Dictionary Project will distribute dictionaries and talk to students about the importance of reading, going to college and how to use their dictionary at Carson Elementary School at 10:30 a.m. Carson is located at 4245 Meg Dr. San José, Ca. 95136.

The Dictionary Project supports the Vital Few Priorities of San José Unified- the areas we hold dear and know we must achieve to be successful in educating our students and thrive as a healthy organization. The California Dictionary Project supports 3 of those goals:

- Prepare all students to meet standards
- Establish a College Going Culture for all students
- Engage parents and community as an integral part of the education process.

The California Dictionary Project, www.californiadiictionaryproject.org, is a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization, headquartered in San Francisco, Calif. Its mission is to donate and distribute dictionaries annually to third-graders in California public schools. Since its founding in 2002, California Dictionary Project has distributed more than 75,000 dictionaries to Bay Area students.

WHAT: San José Dictionary Day is the distribution of 3,500 English and Spanish/English dictionaries to every third grader in San José Unified School District. The ceremonial event, which media are invited to attend, will be held at Carson Elementary School.

WHO: California Dictionary Project and The San José Unified School District including over 100 volunteers – business and association listed below.

WHEN: 10:30 a.m., Monday, April 2

WHERE: Carson Elementary School, 4245 Meg Drive San José, CA 95136

San José Unified is very grateful to the support from our volunteers representing:

ABC News
United Way- Community Impact
Sunrise Rotary
The Role Model Program
SJUSD Trustees
Santa Clara Valley Medical Foundation
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Intel
City of San José- Mayor's Office
San José Mercury News
National University
Hoge, Fenton Jones, and Appel - Attorneys at Law
Housing Trust
The Evers Group
Hitachi
Empire Broadcasting Company
Community Leadership San José
CommUniverCity
City of San José- Parks, Recreation & Neighborhood Services
Adobe
Alliance Title
Benford & Benford Real Estate
City Council Members- Judy Chirco, Pierre Oliverio, and Nancy Pyle
San José Unified Administrators

For more information on the overall project, please go to www.californiadictionaryproject.org.

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