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**Grant Elementary School selected by  
State Superintendent of Public Instruction,  
Jack O'Connell, as a site for  
Education Roundtable Discussion**

**February 6, 2007:** On Thursday, **February 8<sup>th</sup>**, San José Unified's Grant Elementary School will host an "Education Roundtable Discussion." Chosen by State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Jack O'Connell, Grant Elementary is 1 of 5 sites statewide to host a roundtable discussion. The conversation will focus on gathering best practices and developing strategies to help close the achievement gap.

Grant Elementary is located at 470 East Jackson St., San Jose, CA 95112. The Superintendent will greet Grant's staff and student council at 8:15 a.m. followed by classroom visitations. **The roundtable discussion will be from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.**

Grant Elementary improved their API 119 points over the last 2 years. In 2006, Grant's Hispanic API growth was 73 points. Grant has met all API growth targets for the past two years. Grant also made their AYP in 2006.

Grant Elementary School is committed to providing an environment where all children can learn and succeed. The school is a learning center with high expectations. All students are ensured equal access to a rigorous and challenging curriculum, enabling them to be lifelong learners empowered to take on the challenges of the future.

Specially funded programs include the Title I Program for children who need extra help in reading and math, School Improvement Program, Bilingual Education, SB65 Drop Out Prevention program, GATE (Gifted and Talented Education), Homework Center and After-School All Stars.

Funding by Applied Materials supports the work of Partners in School Innovations. PIS provides teacher professional development in best practices and teaching strategies, helping to close the achievement gap between different groups of students while maintaining high expectations for all.

Principal: Cecilia Barrie

Ms. Barrie has been a principal for ten years and was chosen as the California Association for Bilingual Educator's as Administrator of the Year for 2005-06.

**Grant Elementary School's Demographics:**

Current enrollment: 535 Students

Hispanic: 87%

Asian: 4%

White: 3%

English Learner 58%

Disadvantaged: 82%

Special Ed Services: 6%

93% of English Learners are Disadvantaged

92% of English Learners are Hispanic

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