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**State Superintendent O'Connell visits
Anne Darling Elementary School to Announce the
California School Service Award Program**

May 16, 2007, San Jose, CA.- State Superintendent of Public Education Jack O'Connell will emphasize the fact that all school employees have a part to play in the success of our students as he announces the California School Service Award Program. Anne Darling Elementary School will host Superintendent O'Connell's press conference on May 17, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. in the Media Center. Anne Darling is located at 333 No. 33rd St. San Jose, 95133.

The award program was created to recognize the outstanding contributions classified employees make to the public school system. Teachers do not work in isolation. The phrase "It takes a village" has become somewhat trite- but reality is there are so many school employees that influence the day-to-day lives of our students; people who can either make or break the student's academic success. These are employees other than teachers who perform critical jobs, including food services, maintenance and operations, transportation, instructional assistance and paraeducator services, office and clerical work, security, library and media assistance, and computer services.

Superintendent O'Connell stated, "Classified employees are vital school staff members who play key roles in creating a school environment that promotes student achievement, children's safety, and health," O'Connell said. "I often say classified employees are the glue that holds our schools together."

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