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TAFT AND PALMYRA ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS MEET 2011 ADEQUATE YEARLY PROGRESS (AYP)

ORANGE, CA (February 27, 2012) – The California Department of Education (CDE) Academic Accountability Unit released the revised 2010–11 Accountability Progress Reporting (APR) system results and two more Orange Unified schools were identified as meeting all federal accountability targets for student learning.

This week, **Taft and Palmyra Elementary Schools** were listed by the CDE as meeting all federal criteria for AYP to potentially exit program improvement status. A school must meet all AYP targets for two consecutive years to exit program improvement standing.

In the September 2011 APR release, **Handy, Sycamore, Prospect and Jordan Elementary Schools** were acknowledged for meeting all the federal accountability targets of the APR system.

Fairhaven Elementary continues to meet all federal AYP targets for the fourth consecutive year and remains out of program improvement. This is a significant accomplishment in student learning for the Title I school and National Blue Ribbon Nominee.

Seven of the eleven elementary program improvement schools in Orange USD are positioned to exit or stay out of program improvement if they meet all criteria in the 2012 APR reports.

The 2011 revised results are now available on the California Department of Education (CDE) APR Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/ar/>. The following reports with accompanying downloadable data files are available on this Web page:

- 2011 Growth Academic Performance Index (API) Reports
- 2011 Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) Reports
- 2011–12 Program Improvement (PI) Reports

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