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Gunn Marie Hansen, Ph.D. Named ACSA 2014 California Central Office Administrator of the Year

ORANGE, CA (March 21, 2014) - Orange Unified School District Assistant Superintendent for Educational Services **Gunn Marie Hansen, Ph.D.** has been named **2014 California Central Office Administrator of the Year** by the Association of California School Administrators (ACSA).

“Dr. Hansen personifies District leadership to the highest degree. She is the top 1% of all administrative instructional leaders that I have encountered. Her passion to improve instruction for all students has led the District to receive many local and state recognitions, including California Distinguished Schools Awards, National Blue Ribbon recognition, schools exiting Program Improvement, successful Federal Program Monitoring (FPM) audits, significantly increased District API and AYP scores, increased inclusion opportunities for Students with Disabilities, and increased number of English Learner re-designations,” said Michael Christensen, Superintendent of Schools for the Orange Unified School District, who made the announcement.

These accomplishments, along with many others, have promoted student learning and some of the highest levels of academic achievement. Dr. Hansen is an incredible asset to the greater Orange community and her tireless and passionate commitment to excellence and ethics is her hallmark. Additionally, Dr. Hansen is leading the District's community outreach for the development of the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP).

In February, Dr. Hansen was selected as Orange County Central Office Administrator of the Year by ACSA, Region 17, which represents the 28 school districts in Orange County. Her nomination was submitted and reviewed at the state level by a committee of school administrators and ACSA staff members. Dr. Hansen was selected as ACSA Central Office Administrator of the Year and will be recognized at the organization's annual Leadership Summit on November 6-8 in San Diego.

ACSA was established in 1971 and is the largest umbrella organization for school leaders in the nation, serving more than 16,000 school leaders throughout California. The organization annually honors outstanding administrators for their leadership skills, professionalism, creativity, innovation, and commitment to a quality education.

Congratulations to Dr. Hansen!

The Orange Unified School District educates approximately 30,000 students in the Cities of Orange, Villa Park, Anaheim, Garden Grove, Santa Ana and county areas. The school district, founded in 1953, encompasses 108 square miles. The District office is located at 1401 N. Handy Street, Orange, California.