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Sycamore Elementary Receives Title I Academic Achievement Award

ORANGE, CA – May 6, 2014 – Sycamore Elementary was named a 2013-14 Title I Academic Achievement Award recipient yesterday by State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson.

The Title I Academic Achievement Award honors Title I schools that have shown remarkable progress in narrowing the achievement gap between high and low-performing students.

“This award affirms that our intense focus on goal setting, quality first instruction, effective interventions, focus on English Language Development, and parent involvement is working. I am incredibly proud of our scholars, teachers, staff, and families!” exclaimed Sycamore Elementary School principal Erika A. Krohn.

Title I is a federal program that provides financial assistance to schools with a large population of students living at or below the poverty line, as authorized by the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. The purpose of Title I funding is to help ensure that all children meet challenging state academic standards.

To qualify for the Title I Academic Achievement Award, schools must show that all students are making significant progress toward proficiency on California's academic content standards, and the school's socioeconomically disadvantaged students must have doubled the achievement targets set for them for two consecutive years.

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.

“I am proud of what these schools have accomplished under often challenging circumstances,” Torlakson said. “Their administrators and teachers are committed to giving their students every opportunity to gain the knowledge and skills that will help them in school and throughout their lives.”

Sycamore Elementary is one of 106 California public schools that will receive the 2013-14 Title I Academic Achievement Award. About 60% of public schools in California participate in the Title I program.

California Elementary received the Title I Academic Achievement Award in 2007 and 2008. West Orange Elementary was recognized in 2004 and 2005.

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