



## **PRESS RELEASE – ORANGE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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# **California Elementary School Named Apple Distinguished School**

Orange, CA – October 17, 2017 - California Elementary School, home to the iInspire Academy, is pleased to announce that it has been recognized as an Apple Distinguished School for 2017–2019 for its innovative utilization of iPad in a school-wide 24/7 Take Home Device program.

Apple Distinguished Schools are centers of innovation, leadership, and educational excellence that use Apple products to inspire creativity, collaboration, and critical thinking. They showcase innovative uses of technology in learning, teaching, and the school environment and have documented results of academic accomplishment. Dr. John Albert, the principal said: "This is a huge validation of the growth and continuous efforts our entire staff and community has undertaken."

The selection of California Elementary School as an Apple Distinguished School highlights their success as an innovative and compelling learning environment that engages students and provides tangible evidence of academic accomplishment. California Elementary school is one of a true American success story. A vast majority of their students are first generation Americans, over 84% of the students are English Language Learners, and over 93% of the students qualify for the Free and/or Reduced Lunch Program. The school has exceeded all targets for English Language Learners, and they have leveled the Technology Gap by providing all students a school issued iPad so students can access technology 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, with a fully integrated curriculum.

In addition, the school has developed an innovative Dual Spanish Immersion Program and an Inclusive Schooling Program where students thrive with technology integration. California Elementary School has recently been honored as a California Gold Ribbon School, Title I High Achieving School, and recently a Golden Bell Finalist. The school community is very excited to continue their journey of leading in excellence and innovation for their students.

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*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.*