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**Brea Canyon High School Recognized as a
California Model Continuation High School**

BREA, Calif. - The California Department of Education has awarded the prestigious designation of California Model Continuation High School to Brea Canyon High School. A total of 37 model continuation high schools were selected in the state for 2016, each school holding this distinction for three years.

The Model Continuation High School Recognition Program is a partnership between the California Department of Education (CDE) and the California Continuation Education Association (CCEA) and recognizes outstanding continuation high schools. Continuation education offers an alternative high school diploma program for students 16 through 18 years of age or older. Students enrolled in continuation education programs are often credit deficient or in need of a flexible schedule due to employment, family obligations, or other critical needs.

We are very proud of the staff at Brea Canyon High School and all they are willing to do for their students,” said Brad Mason, Brea Olinda Unified School District superintendent. “They exemplify what caring adults can accomplish when focused on students and their unique educational and emotional needs.”

Brea Canyon submitted an in-depth application that detailed the programs it has instituted to drive student success and foster student achievement. It also included multiple written statements of support.

Parent Juli Hallowell praised the school for helping her son – who had a medical condition that caused him to miss school frequently over the years – find the right balance of structure and flexibility.

“Continuation schools have a stigma attached to them and it’s really a shame,” Hallowell said in her statement. “I give credit to those teachers and the principal who truly are there to want to help shape a young adult's life and to give hope when maybe all hope was gone.”

Terry Kegel, who has been teaching at Brea Canyon for twenty-six years, praised the school’s dedicated staff and positive rapport they share with students.

“The teachers’ dedication to the academic well-being of the students is evident with the amount of time they devote to offering learning opportunities. There is a palpable concern to constantly look for new ways to improve students’ academic skills, to build their character and thus have a happy, successful student body.”

Principal Carol Christman stated, “Together as a school district, community, and school family, we have high expectations for the academic performance of our students. We also embrace the fact that students learn in a variety of ways and at different paces, so we need to be flexible in helping them be successful. This is a great accomplishment and honor for our students, the Brea Olinda Unified School District, our community, and above all, our classified and certificated staff. Their continued support and commitment is greatly appreciated.”

Brea Canyon will be recognized with the additional 36 model continuation schools at the 2016 CCEA State Conference April 29 - May 1, 2016, in Riverside, Calif.

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