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FULLERTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
PBIS Skyrockets with Eighteen Schools Receiving State Recognition

(Fullerton, CA) –Fullerton School District (FSD) is known for unprecedented growth and achievement in meeting the needs of students. We are excited to announce that a RECORD number of 18 FSD schools earned State-level recognition from the California PBIS Coalition. Eight schools were recognized during the 2017-18 school year, and two schools during the 2016-17 school year, so the level of increase is tremendous.

PBIS stands for “Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports,” and it is built on the premise that students do not come to school knowing behavior expectations. Rather, these expectations need to be taught directly and explicitly, in the same way we teach reading and math to students. Therefore, PBIS is not a curriculum, but a research-based framework of proactive strategies for defining, teaching, and supporting appropriate behaviors. PBIS uses a tiered continuum of evidence-based supports and is inclusive of all school settings.

Recognition was awarded to the schools as follows:

- Bronze:
 - Maple Elementary
- Silver:
 - Golden Hill Elementary
 - Laguna Road Elementary
 - Parks Junior High
 - Raymond Elementary
 - Richman Elementary
 - Rolling Hills Elementary
 - Valencia Park Elementary
- Gold:

- Commonwealth Elementary
- Orangethorpe Elementary
- Platinum:
 - Beechwood School
 - Fern Drive Elementary
 - Hermosa Drive Elementary
 - Nicolas Junior High School
 - Pacific Drive Elementary
 - Fisler School
 - Sunset Lane Elementary
 - Woodcrest Elementary

“The volume of recognitions is due to the hard work and commitment of our school administrators, teachers, PBIS teams, and the shift in goals, data driven practices, and team coaching. PBIS recognition of any kind is an extraordinary accomplishment and is reflective of the individual growth at each school site in implementing PBIS with fidelity, based on the national framework,” said Helene Morris, Director of Administrative Services. These schools will be recognized at an upcoming school board meeting on September 24, 2019.

The 2018-19 school year, PBIS focused on five primary areas – Restorative Practices, Universal Behavior Screening, Tiered Fidelity to PBIS, Data Driven PBIS, and Coaching – which will be combined with a stronger emphasis on Social Emotional Learning and Mindfulness to drive FSD’s PBIS work during the 2019-20 school year.

The Fullerton School District is located in northern Orange County, California and serves just under 13,000 students in grades TK – 8th. The Fullerton School District includes 20 schools, 15 elementary schools, two K-8th grade schools, and three middle schools. The mission of the Fullerton School District is to work collaboratively with the community to provide an innovative, high-quality educational program for all students in a safe learning environment. The District motto, “*Great Schools - Successful Kids*” exemplifies the belief that all students will achieve academic excellence, acquire interpersonal skills, and develop technological expertise to contribute as productive citizens in a democratic society. For more information, call 714/447-7400 or visit www.fullertonsd.org.

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