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FULLERTON SCHOOL DISTRICT ***PBIS Skyrockets in FSD***

(Fullerton, CA) – Fullerton School District is known for unprecedented growth and achievement in meeting the needs of our learners. For this reason, we are excited to announce that a RECORD number of eight FSD schools earned State-level recognition from the California PBIS Coalition for their exemplarity PBIS practices. Platinum recognition was awarded to Robert C. Fisler School, Gold to Pacific Drive School, and the following schools received Silver-level Recognition: Beechwood, Fern Drive, Nicolas Junior High, Orangethorpe, Sunset Lane, and Woodcrest. The volume of recognitions received by our schools is due to the hard work of our school staff and administrators, PBIS teams, and support and resources provided by District administrators.

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 framework of proactive strategies for defining, teaching, and supporting appropriate behaviors. PBIS uses a tiered continuum of supports and is inclusive of all school settings.

During the 2017-18 school years, Helene Morris (Director of Administrative Services), school administrators, and site PBIS coaches focused their work on the following four data driving PBIS goals:

- **Restorative Practices:** Learning how to use Restorative Practices to improve student behavior and build positive relationships.
- **Universal Behavior Screening:** Using the Student Risk Screening Scale for Internalizing and Externalizing Behaviors (SRSS-IE) to identify at-risk students and pair with appropriate resources, including counseling and mental health support.
- **Tiered Fidelity to PBIS:** Using the Tiered Fidelity Inventory (TFI) to assess fidelity to PBIS and areas for growth.
- **Data Driven PBIS:** Using the School-Wide Information System (SWIS) to track discipline data and use as a tool for school-wide decision making.

These goals will continue to drive PBIS work in 2018-19, and in-house sustainability trainings will be implemented.

The Fullerton School District is located in northern Orange County, California and serves over 13,500 students in grades TK – 8th. The Fullerton School District includes 20 schools, 15 elementary schools, two K-8th grade schools, and 2 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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