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FULLERTON SCHOOL DISTRICT ***Dual Language Thrives in Fullerton***

(Fullerton, CA) – Three years ago, Fullerton School District introduced a Dual Language Academy pilot program at Raymond School. The program was so well received, there was a waiting list for students. The demand for Dual Language continued and the District established a second program at Pacific Drive School this year.

The Dual Language program brings together native speakers of Spanish and English. Instruction is carefully designed and conducted in both languages. The program provides the same academic content and standards as traditional educational programs while providing instruction in two languages. FSD’s Dual Language Academy includes speakers of both English and the target language (Spanish), integrated together for instruction 100% of the day. The District also utilizes the 90:10 instructional model with the first year being 90% Spanish and 10% English. The ratio changes each year with a 50:50 ratio in 4th through 8th grades.

Studies have shown that overall, both English language learners and native English speakers make significant progress in both languages, both groups score at or well above grade level in both languages by junior high school, and both groups perform at comparable or superior levels compared to same-language learners.

One parent from Raymond School’s Dual Language Academy said of the program, “Having my two children learn another language is a gift that they will have throughout their lifetime and generations to come. This is the best gift my husband and I could provide our children. DLA is a gift of a lifetime!”

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 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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