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## **Academic Performance Index for PUSD Increases to 876** *All PUSD Schools Score Above State's 2014 Goal API of 800*

Reports of academic progress for schools in the state and nation have been released and the Poway Unified School District is pleased to report that the Academic Performance Index (API) score for the District went up six points from 870 to 876, with all PUSD comprehensive high schools, middle schools, and elementary schools exceeding the target of 800, which the state set for all schools to reach by the year 2014.

Twenty-six of thirty-three PUSD schools increased their API scores. (For a complete listing of school API scores, please see the following chart.)

In 2004-2005, PUSD had four schools with scores over the API score of 900. In 2005-2006, the number increased to 12 schools, in 2007-2008 the number increased to 16 schools. The most recent results show 20 "900+" schools.

The purpose of the Academic Performance Index is to measure the academic performance and growth in schools from year to year. The API serves as the cornerstone of California's State Testing, Accountability and Reporting program (STAR), and is reported on a numeric scale that ranges from a low of 200 to a high of 1000. It is also one of the 42 measures of the No Child Left Behind requirements. The current statewide target is for all schools to achieve an API of 800 by the year 2014. A school's growth is measured by how well it is moving toward or beyond 800. The API is based upon student results on the California Standards Tests given to students in grades 2-11 in spring of each year. For high

schools, the results of the California High School Exit Exam are also factored into the results of student performance. The API is also a component of No Child Left Behind.

Don Phillips, PUSD Superintendent, said, “We continue to excel in scores that reflect our students’ academic performance. These outstanding results are a tribute to the students, parents, teachers, and staff of PUSD. While we take a moment to celebrate this indicator of student success, we strengthen our commitment to ensure that every student reaches the state standard of proficient or advanced and that all our students graduate college ready.”

**Poway Unified School District 2009 Academic Performance Index (API)**

<b>District and Schools</b>	<b>2009 Score</b>	<b>2008 Score</b>
<b>Poway Unified</b>	876	870
<b>Elementary Schools</b>		
Adobe Bluffs Elementary	934	912
Canyon View Elementary	925	922
Chaparral Elementary	927	919
Creekside Elementary	946	949
Deer Canyon Elementary	956	947
Del Sur Elementary	902	New School
Garden Road Elementary	864	858
Highland Ranch Elementary	903	899
Los Peñasquitos Elementary	917	911
Midland Elementary	903	879
Monterey Ridge Elementary	930	894
Morning Creek Elementary	867	884
Painted Rock Elementary	907	899
Park Village Elementary	950	919
Pomerado Elementary	877	866
Rolling Hills Elementary	905	912
Shoal Creek Elementary	895	908
Stone Ranch Elementary	941	920
Sundance Elementary	921	918
Sunset Hills Elementary	883	855
Tierra Bonita Elementary	883	871
Turtleback Elementary	919	898
Valley Elementary	812	815
Westwood Elementary	916	891
Willow Grove Elementary	927	New School
<b>Middle Schools</b>		

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Bernardo Heights Middle	897	892
Black Mountain Middle	876	873
Meadowbrook Middle	860	850
Mesa Verde Middle	930	916
Oak Valley Middle	901	897
Twin Peaks Middle	883	884
<b>High Schools</b>		
Mt. Carmel High	815	827
Poway High	851	845
Rancho Bernardo High	841	834
Westview High	848	843