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## **Academic Performance Index for PUSD Increases to 882**

*All PUSD Schools Score Above State's 2014 Goal API of 800*

Reports of academic progress for schools in the state of California have been released and the Poway Unified School District is pleased to report that the overall Academic Performance Index (API) score for the District went up seven points from 875 to 882. All PUSD comprehensive high schools, middle schools, and elementary schools exceeded the state designated API target score of 800, which the state has set for all schools to reach by the year 2014.

Twenty-six of the thirty-six Poway Unified Schools, including all the comprehensive high schools and middle schools increased their API scores. (For a complete listing of school API scores, please see the following chart.) The district is also reporting gains in its efforts to close the achievement gap between significant student groups and the overall district API. Special Education students gained 40 points overall on their API score, while English Learners and Economically Disadvantaged students advanced by 21 and 16 points, respectively.

The API is reported on a numeric scale of 200 to 1,000. In 2004-2005, PUSD had four schools with API scores over 900. By 2007- 2008 the number had increased to 16 schools. The most recent results show 22 Poway Unified schools with "900+" API scores.

The Academic Performance Index measures year-to-year academic performance and growth in schools and in districts across the state. 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 factored into the student performance scores. The API is also a component of the Federal, No Child Left Behind (NCLB) requirements and serves as the cornerstone of California's State Testing, Accountability and Reporting program.

John Collins, PUSD Superintendent, notes, "Even in these most difficult and challenging times for California Public Education, we continue to show strong growth in student achievement. These outstanding results are a testament to the dedicated effort of our PUSD teachers, students, parents and staff. We are especially encouraged to see positive results for several of our student groups in our efforts to close the achievement gap, although there is still much work to be done in this area. We remain committed to ensuring that every student has access to college and career opportunities after high school. Proficiency on our state assessments is a key indicator of our success in this effort."

**Poway Unified School District 2010 Academic Performance Index (API)**

<b>District and Schools</b>	<b>2010 Growth API</b>	<b>2009 Base API</b>
<b>Poway Unified</b>	883	875
<b>Elementary Schools</b>		
Adobe Bluffs Elementary	946	932
Canyon View Elementary	935	925
Chaparral Elementary	928	926
Creekside Elementary	947	946
Deer Canyon Elementary	954	956
Del Sur Elementary	954	902
Garden Road Elementary	892	864
Highland Ranch Elementary	906	903
Los Peñasquitos Elementary	915	917
Midland Elementary	911	903
Monterey Ridge Elementary	927	929
Morning Creek Elementary	882	867
Painted Rock Elementary	916	907
Park Village Elementary	944	949
Pomerado Elementary	857	877
Rolling Hills Elementary	924	905
Shoal Creek Elementary	908	895
Stone Ranch Elementary	954	941
Sundance Elementary	913	921
Sunset Hills Elementary	867	883
Tierra Bonita Elementary	907	883
Turtleback Elementary	914	919
Valley Elementary	825	812
Westwood Elementary	914	916
Willow Grove Elementary	939	927
<b>Middle Schools</b>		
Bernardo Heights Middle	899	893
Black Mountain Middle	884	875
Meadowbrook Middle	859	856
Mesa Verde Middle	930	927
Oak Valley Middle	915	895
Twin Peaks Middle	888	879
<b>High Schools</b>		
Del Norte High	855	n/a
Mt. Carmel High	818	815
Poway High	857	850
Rancho Bernardo High	855	841
Westview High	851	848

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