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5 San Gabriel Unified Schools Named to California Honor Roll for Narrowing Achievement Gap

SAN GABRIEL, CA – Five San Gabriel Unified schools were named to the Campaign for Business and Education Excellence (CBEE) Honor Roll in recognition of their overall performance and narrowing the achievement gap on California standardized tests.

Gabrielino High School, Jefferson Middle School and McKinley, Washington and Wilson elementary schools were named Star Schools, a category for high-performing schools that have significant populations of socioeconomically disadvantaged students.

"San Gabriel Unified is focused on providing a nurturing environment where every student has the opportunity to reach their maximum potential," SGUSD Superintendent Dr. John Pappalardo said. "We could not achieve these results without the hard work and dedication of our outstanding teachers and staff. Congratulations to all of our Star schools."

Comparing test scores from 2016-17 and 2017-18, Washington and Wilson showed substantial improvement in meeting or exceeding state standards in English language arts (ELA) and math. Washington rose 8 percentage points in ELA, while math numbers rose 3 percentage points.

Wilson rose 4 percentage points in ELA, while its numbers in math rose 8 percentage points. Jefferson Middle and McKinley Elementary's numbers were almost identical from last year, with Jefferson up 2 percentage points in math.

The Honor Roll is designed to shine a light on bright spots in education by identifying schools that generate strong student outcomes and provide a model of best practices.

The Honor Roll is created for CBEE by the Educational Results Partnership (ERP), which analyzes 14 measures taken from California Department of Education data, including performance on state math and English language arts standardized tests, UC/CSU course requirements and graduation rates. ERP looks at equity among students with differing ethnic backgrounds and socioeconomic status.

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