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## Two Baldwin Park Unified Schools Named to California Honor Roll

## Santa Fe School earns seventh recognition for test score success

**BALDWIN PARK** – Two Baldwin Park Unified schools were named this week to the Campaign for Business and Education Excellence (CBEE) Honor Roll in recognition of their overall performance and narrowing of the achievement gap on California standardized tests.

Santa Fe School – which spans grades three through eight – and Kenmore Elementary School were named Star Schools, a category honoring higher-performing schools that have a third or more students from high-poverty households.

This is Santa Fe's seventh consecutive time on the list, which debuted in 2008, and Kenmore's third appearance. Ten Baldwin Park Unified campuses have been listed a combined 25 times on the Honor Roll, with at least one school recognized every year since 2010.

"We are extraordinarily proud of this accomplishment by Santa Fe and Kenmore schools," Superintendent Froilan N. Mendoza said. "The Honor Roll sends out a message to our community that Baldwin Park Unified schools are succeeding in our essential mission of preparing students for college and careers."

The Honor Roll, released on April 17, 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 which other schools can replicate.

The Honor Roll is created for CBEE by the Educational Results Partnership (ERP), which analyzes 12 measures taken from California Department of Education data, including performance on state math, English language arts and science standardized tests.

ERP looks at equity among students with differing ethnic backgrounds and socioeconomic status. Additionally, high schools are judged on the percent of graduates who meet UC/CSU entrance course requirements, average SAT scores, percent of passing Advanced Placement exam scores, graduation rate and dropout rate.

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In a culture of high expectations and academic rigor and an environment of support, understanding, and emotional safety, all Baldwin Park Unified School District students will graduate with a valued and highly respected diploma, prepared with the relevant skills, knowledge, and personal attributes necessary for success in a university or other institution of higher education and/or any post-secondary options of their choice.